AHS Writing Contest Submission Information

Atascadero High School is ready to produce its 2018-2019 Literary magazine and is seeking submissions by AHS students for consideration for publication. The entry form is now available (see below).

The last day for submitting an entry is before midnight on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Entry Form: https://forms.gle/KUfRiZqGF5zutJae6

All students are invited to attend the Literary Magazine reception during Study Hall on Wednesday, May 20. Come and eat refreshments as you listen to the guest author!

RULES:
Students may submit one entry per category. All entries must be:
1. related to one of the five categories
2. the student’s original and previously unpublished work
3. no longer than 1500 words.

**TIP:** Check out the Scoring Rubric for each category to see how your work will be evaluated by the judges.

CATEGORIES:
- **Poetry** Writing that makes an observation, describes the world, offers an analysis and/or a comparison, etc., through the use of poetic language and specific detail. Scoring Rubric
- **Personal Narrative** Writing that uses strong imagery as it tells the story of a life experience. Scoring Rubric
- **Creative Nonfiction** Writing that reflects actual events and/or ideas in a creative, unique way. Entries in this category often blend the figurative language from poetry and/or the literary techniques from fiction to create an engaging work that increases the reader’s knowledge about a subject. Scoring Rubric
- **Short Fiction** Writing that uses literary techniques--such as characterization and plot--to convey an imaginative story. Scoring Rubric
- **Theme: Identity** Writing in this category can be in any format and should fit in with the theme of “Identity”.

GET STARTED WITH SOME WRITING PROMPTS:
If you need help getting started, please see these writing prompts collected by our Student Review Panel for inspiration.

JUDGING PROCESS:
Each submission will first be scored by the Student Review Panel (SRP) using rubrics. Teacher editors review the SRP’s scores and move the top scoring submissions on to the next level: the Editorial Board.

The Editorial Board is comprised of AHS staff and administration, school district administrators, School Board members, and community members. The Editorial Board uses the same rubrics to score submissions. Again, teacher editors review those scores and use them to determine a first, second, third, and honorable mention winner for each category.
The winning entries earn prizes and are then submitted to the AHS Art Department for art students to illustrate before being compiled in a digital book and published in the iTunes bookstore.