



Writing Competition Guidelines

Entries for both events (fiction/non-fiction) must be emailed to ACLAForensics@gmail.com by July 31. Please follow guidelines below. Entry fee is \$10 per event. We will have 3 age groups: Elementary school will consist of grades 3-5, Middle school will be grades 6-8, and High School will be 9-12.

- Entrants must register with their school or academy on Tabroom
 - https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index?tourn_id=10264
 - Each entry must include a cover page containing
 - ✓ Competitor's name
 - ✓ Name of school or academy
 - ✓ Student's age group (Elementary, Middle, High School)
 - ✓ Category (Fiction/Non Fiction)
 - Academy/school must email all entries at the same time and follow the payment instructions on the invitation.
 - Each entry must be a separate attachment to one email.
 - Word limit not to exceed 750 words for Elementary and 1000 words for Middle and High School
- Winners will be announced on August 5 at the tournament awards ceremony.

Fiction

Competitors must submit an original fictional story about a character that follows the tournament's theme: "I'm doing me, you do you."

1. Originality (create a unique character/s)
2. Structure: Beginning, Climax, End
3. Language/Grammar
4. Tournament theme – "I'm doing me, you do you."

Non-Fiction

Competitors must submit an original, non-fictional argumentative essay exploring the statement in the writing prompt.

Writing prompt – Competitors must take an affirmative or negative stance on the writing prompt: **It is acceptable to "Do me" even if others get offended.**

Entries will be judged on:

1. Language/Grammar
2. Clear position – did the writer clearly answer the prompt?
3. Arguments (strength of the arguments and sources cited to back up reasoning)