SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS

Encourage your students in grades 7-12 to compete in more than 10 different categories, including poetry, critical essay, drama and flash fiction. Each entry is only $5 and can lead to both regional and national Scholastic Writing Awards. All Gold, Silver and Honorable Mention awardees are celebrated at Tan Tar-A Resort in the Ozarks (during the Write to Learn conference). Gold winners advance to the national competition. This year's deadline is January 5, 2018. Please help students complete the submission process in December before the break. Visit www.artandwriting.org to submit entries.

Also, teachers interested in being judges for the Missouri Region should sign up here. You will receive a $150 stipend for scoring, which can be done in person in Kansas City or remotely on Saturday, January 13.

2018 SUMMER INSTITUTE

It may be December, but we are already gearing up for the 2018 GWP Summer Institute! In Summer 2018, we will offer two summer institutes—one at the UMSL main campus and one at our outreach site at Jefferson College--from June 4 - June 28. We will also be pairing this on-site 6-hour graduate class with another 12 hours of online and/or hybrid classes to finish out an 18-hour Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing.

You are our best advertisement, so please share this flier far and near--and don’t forget about your content area colleagues! The summer institute is richer when we have cross grades (elementary-college) and cross discipline teachers. We appreciate any help you can provide in helping us spread the word!

Thanks for helping us build the next cadre of TCs!

GWP IS TURNING 40!

Gateway Writing Project became an official site of the National Writing Project back in 1978 through the leadership of founding director Jane Zeni. Over the last 40 years our
writing project has not only sustained, it has flourished! We want to celebrate our success and all of the wonderful writers and educators (including you!) who have played a role in making the Gateway Writing Project what it is today.

Save the Date for the following events we have planned to celebrate our 40th anniversary and showcase our network:

January 27, 2018 -- GWP's 40th Birthday Bash

March 3 - 4, 2018 -- Writing Retreat

May - July, 2018 -- Accepting submissions for GWP 40th Anniversary Anthology

Fall, 2018 -- GWP Conference

**TWO YOUTH WRITING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Youth Writing Festival South** - Our ever-popular Youth Writing Festival will again be hosted this spring at Riverbend School in Pacific, Missouri on March 2. Registration will open in January. More details can be found [here](#).

**OneCity Stories** - Please share this multimedia composing opportunity with your students. It is a summer program for high school students (current 8th grade through juniors) that will run from June 11 - 29 at UMSL at Grand Center. Display [this flyer](#) and direct students to visit our website to learn more: [https://www.onecitystories.org/](https://www.onecitystories.org/)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS**

Applications are now open for middle school, high school, and college faculty to attend The Olga Lengyel Institute (TOLI) Summer Seminar on Holocaust Education in New York City.

The seminar encourages teachers to think creatively and collaboratively about how they teach the Holocaust, genocide, and social justice. Participants become adept at dealing with difficult material and discover how writing, dialogue, and inquiry can help motivate students toward social action. Prior experience teaching the Holocaust or focusing on social injustice in the classroom is required. Applicants should have at least five years' classroom experience and need to be at least five years from retirement.

All participants receive a fellowship of $350, free housing at Columbia University, and round-trip airfare. Local transportation and most meals will be provided by The Olga Lengyel Institute. Applications due Feb. 1, 2018. Click [here](#) for more details.
Writing is our middle name.

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