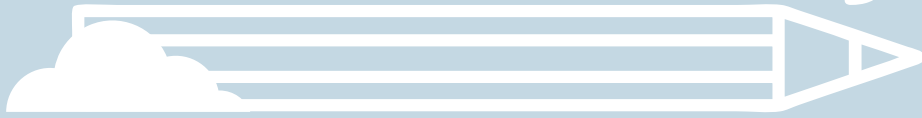


Write Engineer



October 9 - 23, 2022

Write Engineer is a free writing competition sponsored by Gateway Writing Project in celebration of Write Out 2022 and the National Day on Writing. Given the National Park Service's October focus on STEAM-Powered resources, Write Engineer invites students from grades K - 12 and adults to experience place-based writing, focusing on their experiences in the spaces of St. Louis.

Writers are encouraged to experience the outdoors and reflect on the engineering design of the many spaces around them as stewards of St. Louis. We hope that the spaces in our city, including the Gateway Arch, Eads Bridge, the Old Courthouse, and many others will inspire writers to create pieces that recognize the ways that engineering is influenced by science and technology, the influence of engineering on society, as well as the ways that engineering intersects with the natural world.

Guidelines

In recognition of the challenges engineers faced in creation of St. Louis architecture, specifically: the Gateway Arch, Eads Bridge, and the Old Courthouse, writers may submit stories, essays, or poems that creatively address the theme, **My St. Louis**, writing about:

- a special place in St. Louis and why its design is meaningful
- a special place in St. Louis that you would like to design and build

Criteria for Judging

- content (how well the theme has been addressed)
- voice (word choice and style)
- merits of composition (grammar and organization)
- stories and essays should be 1,000 words or less
- poetry should be 3 - 30 lines

Submissions

To enter the contest, please complete the online submission form linked below and upload a digital copy of your piece.

[**bit.ly/stlwriteout22**](https://bit.ly/stlwriteout22)

Prizes

A winner from each of the five categories will have their writing recognized and receive an emerging writer's prize pack including items from Gateway Arch National Park. The age categories are: Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12, and Adult.

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