

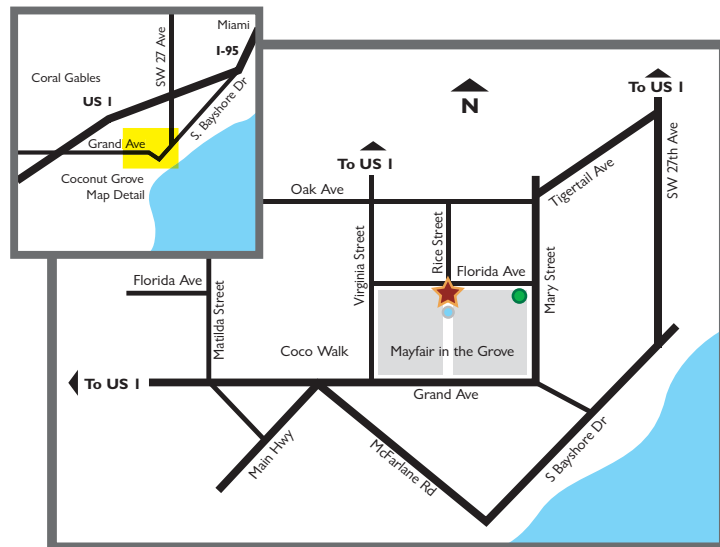
“Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children.”

– Walt Disney



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La Plume 2017 Young Writers' Contest



www.laplumecontest.com

Open to all Miami-Dade students grades 3–12.

La Plume offers students the opportunity to express themselves through a short story of their choice. A panel of professional journalists, actors, writers and educators evaluate all submissions.

A 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner for each level will be selected, as well as a Grand Prize per level. Cash prizes and creative writing workshops throughout the year and other awards will be given to the winners and the Grand Prize winners will have their manuscript published.

La Plume Young Writers' Contest is sponsored by Miami Conservatory of Music, MCA academy, The Bookstore In The Grove and other patrons.

Registration is now open until May 31st, 2017.

There is a \$10 fee to enter. Students will have the summer to write their stories, which must be submitted by August 21st, 2017. Awards will be presented in November.

For more information visit: laplumecontest.com, call: 305-442-2283 or email: mystory@laplumecontest.com



PRODUCTION RULES

In preparation for writing, students should draw from their own personal knowledge and research information from a variety of sources, including historical and reference material, interviews, personal experiences, newspapers, academic journals, autobiographies, films and television movies, or internet sources.

These researches are solely opportunities for learning. Plagiarism is not accepted and is a disqualification act (for example: copying published information, submitting someone else's text as your own).

DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES

The contest is open to all Miami-Dade students in Elementary, Middle and High School (grades 3–12.)

Writers may submit:

Elementary (grades 3–5):

One typed or handwritten story between 700 and 1,000 words

Middle (grades 6–8):

One typed story between 1,000 and 3,000 words

High School (grades 9–12):

One typed story between 2,000 and 4,000 words

- There is no restriction on style.
- Each story must be the work of one student and not the collective work of two or more students.
- By submitting the manuscript, the applicant certifies that the story is original, authored solely by her/him and has never been published.
- The story cannot be plagiarized or infringe upon the rights of any third parties.
- The story will be written in English.
- The story must have a title.
- A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner for each level will be selected, as well as a Grand Prize per level.
- Cash prizes, creative writing workshops and numerous awards will be given to all winners.
- A celebration of the authors will include a book signing of the published Grand Prize manuscripts.
- The stories will be judged by professionals from the literary, educational and art worlds on the following:
 - o Creativity and originality
 - o Composition and overall structure
 - o Sentence construction and fluency

THEMES

Themes are exclusively FREE CHOICE.



REGISTRATION

- Register online at www.laplumecontest.com by May 31st, 2017, and pay a one-time entry fee of \$10. Complete the Parental Authorization Form (mandatory or the manuscript will not be eligible for judging.)
- For offline registrations, mail or bring in person the completed Entry Form and the Parental Authorization Form (mandatory or the manuscript will not be eligible for judging) accompanied by the required entry fee of \$10 (check made payable to Miami Conservatory of Music) by May 31st, 2017, to:

**Miami Conservatory of Music
La Plume Young Writers' Contest
2911 Grand Avenue, suite 400A
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For complete details and rules, visit:
www.laplumecontest.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Deadline: May 31st, 2017
Manuscript Submission Deadline: August 21st, 2017
Winners' Announcement: October 16th, 2017
Award Ceremony & Book Signing: November 18th, 2017