



2017 LA PLUME Young Writers' Contest RULES

DESCRIPTION AND GUIDELINES

- The contest will be open to all Miami-Dade students (grades 3- 12).
- Writers may submit:
 - ONE TYPED OR HAND-WRITTEN STORY: for **Elementary (grades 3 – 5)** between 700 and 1,000 words.
 - ONE TYPED STORY: for **Middle (grades 6 - 8)** between 1,000 and 3,000 words.
 - ONE TYPED STORY: for **High (grades 9 – 12)** 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 Grand Prizes published manuscript.
- The story will be judged by professionals from the literary, educational and the art world on the following:
 - Creativity and originality
 - Composition and overall structure
 - Sentence construction and fluency
- Themes are FREE CHOICE.

REGISTRATION AND DATES

- Register on line at www.laplumecontest.com by **May 31st, 2017** and pay a one time entry fee of **\$10**.
- 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* or just *MCM*) by **May 31st, 2017** to:

Miami Conservatory of Music
2911 Grand Avenue, suite 400A
Coconut Grove, FL 33133

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Deadline: **May 31st, 2017.**
Manuscript Submission Deadline: **August 21st, 2017.**
Winner's Announcement: **October 16th, 2017.**
Award Ceremony and Book Signing: **November 18th, 2017.**