

GUIDELINES FOR THE CULTURAL ARTS CONTESTS

Creative Writing – Poetry - Only one entry per person. Must be original. No longer than 30 lines.

Creative Writing – Memoirs – Only one entry per person. Written in 1st person. One memory. Memoirs are limited to two pages.

- focus on a person, place or animal which has a particular significance in writer's life
- has a particular focus, an element which receives the most emphasis
- recreates for the reader incidents shared with the person, place or animal
- reveals writer's knowledge of and feelings about the person, place or animal
- shares new insights gained on recalling the significance of the subject of the memoir
- makes the person, place or animal come alive for the reader

Creative Writing – Short Story – Only one entry per person. Must be original. No longer than 3,000 words. Short stories should contain a plot, rising action and a climax. It may be written in the 1st or 3rd person.

- a focused purpose
- setting details woven into the text of the story, allowing the reader entry into the story
- development of at least one character through his own words, thoughts and actions &/or through those of another character
- a tightly woven plot limited to one main idea or purpose
- a problematic conflict which is developed as the story progresses
- a resolution of that conflict
- idea development through snapshots, thoughtshots, dialogue, description, etc.

Entries should be submitted in electronic format, preferably in Microsoft Word. If there is no way to submit in the electronic format, a legible hand written copy will be accepted. You must sign the release form so KEHA can print the entries in a booklet. Make copies of your entries as they will not be returned. These contests are open only to members of the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association. Entries should not contain words of profanity. The Executive Board of the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association reserves the right not to print any entry due to content.

All these entries are due March 1 to the Cultural Arts Chairman.

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RELEASE (Please send with creative writing entries)

I give my permission to the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association to print my creative writing entry in future editions of the *KEHA Inspirational*s or to include in a creative writing booklet of all entries.

Check One: ___ Poetry ___ Memoirs ___ Short Story

Name of Entry _____

Name _____

County of Homemaker Membership _____ Area _____

Address _____ Phone () _____

City _____ Zip _____

Signature _____ Date _____