

## 2023 Southern Literary Festival Competition

**Entry Categories:** 1. Poetry, 2. Short Story, 3. One-Act Play, 4. Formal Essay, 5. Creative Nonfiction, 6. Literary Magazine (Print), and 7. Literary E-zine

**Awards:** Certificates for First, Second, and Third place in each of the categories will be awarded at the **2023 Southern Literary Festival** held at **Middle Tennessee State University** in Murfreesboro, TN, **April 20-23, 2023**.

### Rules for Submission:

1. Writers must be undergraduates and must be enrolled for credit during the 2022-2023 school year at a member institution of the Southern Literary Festival Association. Students should contact their Department of English to determine if they are eligible. Each institution may submit no more than two (2) entries in each of the five writing categories.
2. Works entered cannot have been published except in campus newspapers or magazines.
3. Essays, stories (including groups of stories), and plays may not exceed 5,000 words. Poetry may not exceed 100 lines for either one poem or a group of related poems.
4. The category for literary magazines is intended for magazines containing primarily undergraduate student writing. Any magazine with more than an occasional item by a non-undergraduate writer may be disqualified. Work by non-undergraduates should be identified as such by the submitting faculty member. A magazine submission must be the most recent issue, not more than one year old.
5. The category for literary e-zines is intended for literary magazines produced exclusively in and for an electronic format. E-zine submissions must also adhere to the rules of submission for literary magazines.
6. Entries must be double-spaced (poems should be single spaced) and (with the exception of print literary magazines) submitted in Word (.doc or .docx) format as email attachments to **ecspence@olemiss.edu**. The email subject line must include the member institution's name and the genre category of the submission (e.g. Blue Mountain College Poetry Submission). Entries must have titles and should NOT include the writer's name anywhere in the text or title of the document. All entries should be edited and ready for publication in the Festival's anthology. Groups of short poems or flash fiction submitted as a single entry must be submitted as a single document.
7. Each entry must be accompanied by a **typed** SLF submission form, submitted in a SEPARATE Word document as an email attachment to **ecspence@olemiss.edu**. Groups of short poems or flash fiction submitted as a single entry must be accompanied by a single submission form, which should list all titles in the group.
8. Entries must be submitted by **DECEMBER 16, 2022**.

**Official Submission Form  
2023 Southern Literary Festival  
Student Creative Writing Competition**

Please submit MS Word files of each entry in poetry, short story, one-act play, formal essay, and Creative Nonfiction. One copy of the most recent issue of the literary magazine should be submitted in the print category. One url address should be submitted for the literary e-zine.

Submit entries by **December 16, 2022** to **ecspence@olemiss.edu**. Literary magazine submissions must be postmarked **December 16, 2022** and mailed to

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The following form must be filled out completely, typed, and submitted as a separate document titled only with the entry's category and title (e.g. FICTION The Lady with the Pet Dog). The information below is needed to produce winners' checks and to distribute them properly. Once information is deemed unnecessary, it will be destroyed.

**Student Writer's Name (or student editor's name for magazine entry):**

**Student's home address:**

**Festival Member College or University:**

**Faculty member submitting entry:**

**Faculty member's email:**

**Type of Entry:**

**Title(s) of Entry (Please give titles of all pieces in a group of poems or flash fiction):**

**E-zine url address:**