

Christian Fiction

Purpose

Students are creative, and they enjoy reading creative writings. Our challenge in Christian Fiction is to share a fictional story with a Christian message.

Grade Levels

There will be four grade levels in this event: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12.

Process

- Participants will:
 - Write a short, fictional story that reflects the current year's theme or a passage from the current book(s) of study.
 - Include 3 copies of the story and email a copy to seltc.office@gmail.com
 - The email should have "Christian Fiction" in the subject line.
 - The completed Pre-Convention form should be attached to the email as a PDF.
 - Complete a Pre-Convention form (in the Forms Section).
- The stories and other required documentation should be sent to SELTC by the pre-convention deadline. Each story will be judged and returned, along with judges' sheets, to the students at the convention.

Rules

- Stories should be 3 to 5 pages in length.
- The story should be typed and double-spaced with standard margins. For students 6th grade or younger, handwritten work is admissible if legible and neatly presented. If handwritten work is submitted, the story should be 4 to 6 pages in length.
- The story may be written in any form of fiction (e.g., mystery, action, humor, fable, etc.). The current year's theme should be clearly and accurately taught or presented in the story.
- The story should use correct grammar (including spelling) and proper punctuation. It should also include elements appropriate for fiction, such as plot and character development.
- Adult assistance should be mainly verbal. Adults may discuss the theme and its possible applications and make verbal suggestions on content and style. Adults may also note editorial corrections on the participant's written work.
- Each participant may submit only 1 entry.
- Each story should include a cover sheet with the following information:
 - Title of the story.
 - Name and grade of participant.
 - Name, address and phone number of the congregation of the participant.
 - Congregation LTC Number

Awards

There are 3 ratings available in each grade level – Gold, Silver or Bronze.

| Southeastern Leadership Training for Christ | | <i>CHRISTIAN FICTION</i> | | | |
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| | | Award: | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
| | Exemplary | Competent | Developing | | |
| Connection of LTC Theme | <input type="checkbox"/> Theme stands out and is strongly supported in this writing. <input type="checkbox"/> The theme is accurately taught. | <input type="checkbox"/> Theme is evident and supported. <input type="checkbox"/> The theme is mostly accurately taught. | <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to strengthen support of theme. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is need as to the accuracy of the theme. | | |
| Readability | <input type="checkbox"/> Story is very engaging and enjoyable to read. <input type="checkbox"/> Plot is very evident and very interesting. <input type="checkbox"/> Character development is evident and very interesting. | <input type="checkbox"/> Story is engaging and enjoyable to read. <input type="checkbox"/> Plot is evident and interesting. <input type="checkbox"/> Character development is evident and interesting. | <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to make story more engaging and enjoyable to read. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance the plot. <input type="checkbox"/> More thought and time is needed in the area of character development. | | |
| Creativity | <input type="checkbox"/> Plot is very unique. <input type="checkbox"/> Form is very unique. <input type="checkbox"/> Expression is very unique. | <input type="checkbox"/> Plot is unique. <input type="checkbox"/> Form is unique. <input type="checkbox"/> Expression is unique. | <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance plot. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance form. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention is needed to enhance expression. | | |
| Writing Substance | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent use of grammar. <input type="checkbox"/> No spelling errors. <input type="checkbox"/> No punctuation errors. | <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal grammar errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal spelling errors <input type="checkbox"/> Minimal punctuation errors. | <input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with grammar errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with spelling errors. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with punctuation. | | |
| Format and Submission | <input type="checkbox"/> Story is 3 – 5 pages in length <input type="checkbox"/> Proper format for submission per manual. | <input type="checkbox"/> Submission mostly proper per manual. | <input type="checkbox"/> Story is not 3 – 5 pages in length. <input type="checkbox"/> Attention needed with proper submission requirements per manual. | | |
| Judge's comments: | | | | | |
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Please help us improve this rubric each year by submitting feedback within 30 days after convention.