

## **YOUNG GEORGIA AUTHOR'S WRITING COMPETITION REMINDER!**

We wanted to remind you of the Young Georgia Author's Writing Competition taking place now. We have only had 1 entry so far! This is your last chance for students to participate as all entries are due Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Below is the information that was communicated in Panther Press throughout January.

It's time for the annual Young Georgia Author's Writing Competition sponsored by the Georgia Department of Education. The purpose of this competition is to encourage our K-12 students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in their writing, provide a context to celebrate their writing success, and recognize student achievement in the arts and academics. Let's encourage all of our students to participate in this amazing opportunity and showcase their writing talents across our district and throughout the state.

### WHAT TO WRITE

The YGA does not provide a prompt to which students must respond or provide any other boundaries to their genre choice or creativity beyond a 1900-word limit. (if typed, double-spaced Times New Roman is preferred). Entries may include: Short Stories, Poetry, Essays/Literary Criticism/Analysis, Journalism, Academic/Research Reports, Personal Narratives, or Any Other Original Student Writing.

### ENTRY GUIDELINES

- The entry must include a completed entry form (click [HERE](#) to download and print), signed by both the student and the parent/guardian. **Entries MUST include this form!**
- Entries must be the student's original work that was created without the help of others.
- Entries must be typed or handwritten on 8.5x11 inch paper. Print or write on one side of the paper only.
- The maximum length is 1,900 words.
- Do not bind, make a cover for, decorate, laminate, or otherwise alter the entry.

Any submitted entries that do not follow the above guidelines cannot be evaluated by school-level judges.

All entries are due to Ashley Loftus by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**. One winner per grade will be determined by the school whose entry will be submitted for the district-level competition. Due to the timeline, no late work will be accepted. Please contact Ashley Loftus with any questions: [loftusa@fultonschools.org](mailto:loftusa@fultonschools.org).