

GFWC Grundy Woman's Club
P.O. Box 77
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BCPS K-12 English Departments
1176 Booth Branch Road
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Teachers,

The GFWC Grundy Woman's Club would like to invite Kindergarten through 12th grade students in the Buchanan County Public School System to submit short story or poetry entries in a countywide youth writing contest.

We believe Buchanan County is filled with creative and inspiring young writers whose work may not yet have been recognized. As an affiliated member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, our local women's club has the opportunity to advance those works to the District, State and International levels.

Guidelines for entry are included below. We hope our local youth will take advantage of this opportunity by participating.

Entries will be divided into four grade level categories, including:

- **Category 1:** Grades K, 1, and 2
- **Category 2:** Grades 3, 4, and 5
- **Category 3:** Grades 6, 7, and 8
- **Category 4:** Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

In the top, right-hand corner of each page, please include the following:

- Author's name
- Email address (may be the teacher's email address)
- Mailing address
- Phone number
- The name of the club to whom the entry is being submitted: "GFWC Grundy Woman's Club - GFWC Virginia"
- Category ("Short Story" or "Poetry")
- Title of Work
- Grade Level Category (listed above)

Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of one-inch on all four sides, on 8.5 x 11-inch paper. Since submissions will not be returned to the author, he/she may want to keep a copy. Entries

should not have been published prior to the competition and must be an original works by the submitting author.

A completed and signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be submitted with each entry. There is a limit of one entry per person, per category. Short stories are limited to 2,000 words. Poetry entries may be in any style, with a minimum length of 8 lines and a maximum of 50 lines.

This annual contest is due by **Monday, December 31**.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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