

Ardmore Publishing Company's Annual MDS Literary Scholarship

Each year, Ardmore Publishing Company in Atlanta recognizes good writing with a scholarship for your next year's tuition. And the best part is that we always have more than one winner. Ardmore's editors simply choose the best writing samples we receive and award several hundred dollars in scholarship to each one.

who can enter?

The scholarship is open to MDS students currently in the 8th through the 11th grades. And watch out! Those 8th graders are good writers! To date, we've always had a winner (and sometime two) from the 8th grade class.

what do I have to do?

Submit any creative work you've written during the current school year. It can be any form – a short story, a poem, an essay, the first pages of a novel – your choice. It can be something you wrote for a class or something you wrote for yourself or something you write just for this contest. Send whatever you are most proud of.

how long?

As long or short as you want. However, if your work is very short – maybe a poem of just a few lines – you'll do best if you include several other poems or some longer work such as a story. We need enough of a sample to see how well you write.

what format?

The only requirement is that your entry be neatly typed and easy to read. That means good margins, a bit of spacing between lines, and a full space between paragraphs. When you finish, stand back and take a look at what you're sending and ask yourself if it's something you'd want to read.

Or send us a PDF of your entry written by hand. In our digital world, anything written in ink in your best handwriting gets a good response right at the start.

what about grammar?

It counts! Edit your work for incomplete and run-on sentences and for common mistakes such as *alot* for *a lot* or *”*, instead of *,*” or *alright* for *all right* or *lay* when it should be *lie*. And if you aren't sure about something, look it up.

how to submit your entry

Email your entry to Susan Crawford at
Ardmore Publishing Company
emailsusancrawford@gmail.com

Send it in Word or as a PDF. Or you can scan something
you've written by hand. Be sure to include your signed
pledge.

The winner will be announced at the
annual awards ceremony April 28

deadline

Email your entry along with the signed
pledge below to

emailsusancrawford@gmail.com
by **Monday, April 17, 2023.**

Return this pledge with your entry

*This writing is my own original work.
I have not received help from anyone.*

name _____ grade _____

student's signature _____ date _____

parent's signature _____ date _____