



2022-2023 NCRA Young Authors Project

The theme for the 2022-2023 Young Authors' Project is ***Your Voice Matters: Celebrating EVERY Reader's Story***. Young Authors are encouraged to write about who they are and what they stand for, believe in, or want others to understand about their heritage, culture, and life experiences. Young Authors may write about a small moment that has caused a shift or impact on who they are or who they hope to become. Authors may write prose or poetry, fiction or nonfiction. Authors may write in their first language and submit along with an English translation. All entries must follow the guidelines below and be submitted as google docs via the NCRA Local Council 2023 YA Folders and by completing the 2023 Local Council Google Spreadsheet.

GUIDELINES

- All entries must be original creations.
- Only 1 writing entry per author may be submitted. (**NOTE: Authors may also choose to submit for the art contest, but again, may only submit one piece of writing and one piece of art, total*).
- Authors may write in their first language and submit along with an English translation
- **All entries must have participated in a local level judging before being submitted for the state judging.**
- All entries to the state judging level must be submitted by a member of NCRA by **December 1, 2022**.

FORMAT

All entries should:

- Use 10 point, "Times New Roman" font, single spaced, for the body of the piece.
- Include an original title, typed in bold, 12 point type, with only the first letter of each major word in the title capitalized.
- Include author information after the body of the piece. Skip two lines and then center the following information in 10 point:

**Author's First and Last Name, Grade _____ (numerical) or Forever Young
Teacher: Name (Teacher's First and Last Name)
School Name
Local Council Name**

ENTRY LENGTH LIMITS

It is easy to check word count by using the Tools button in Google Docs. Be sure to check all entries to ensure they meet entry requirements BEFORE submitting for state judging. Any entry submitted to the state level will be disqualified if it exceeds the word limit (by more than 5 words).

<u>Grades Pre-K-1:</u>	200 WORDS
<u>Grades 2-5:</u>	300 WORDS
<u>Grades 6-8:</u>	400 WORDS
<u>Grades 9-12 and Forever Young:</u>	500 WORDS

SUBMISSIONS of Local Council Winners

You will submit your entries by uploading your local winners as google doc files into your local council writing folder. When you upload each entry, please name it as follows: the child's grade level (PK, 00 for kindergarten, 01 for first, and so on through grade 12 (Forever Young entries will be labeled 13), then the author's last name and first name, then the local council name. You may use initials for your local council. However, Tar River and Twin Rivers will need to type out their names to avoid confusion.

GradeLevel_LastNameFirstName_CouncilName

EXAMPLES– PLEASE FOLLOW EXACTLY:

Kindergarten:

00_willemsmo_MCRA

Fifth Grade:

05__dicamillokate_RWRC

Forever Young:

13__owensdenise_TarRiverRC

NUMBER OF LOCAL COUNCIL ENTRIES

- In order to create a more equitable and balanced collection of Young Author entries from across the state, the YA Committee has revised the criteria in order to provide smaller and developing councils with increased opportunities. A baseline of 40 entries is in place with increasing entries based on membership levels.

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL	NUMBER OF YA ENTRIES
Developing – 20	40
21-75	45
76 – 125	50
126 – 175	55
176 – 225	60
226 – 275	65
276 – 325	70

STATE JUDGING:

- Will take place during the first week of January and be done remotely; local councils may choose to meet in person for their judging assignment
- Each writing entry will be judged twice using the State YA Rubric
- Each writing entry will be judged by members of a different local council than the submitting council
- Art entries will be judged by the state YA Committee and/or the Executive Council
- Information regarding deadlines and other details will be provided by State YA Chair

FOREVER YOUNG

- Forever Young entries do not count toward the number of entries noted above. **Note:** FY entries that EXCEED the maximum word count (500) will not be published.
- FY entries should first be judged at the local council level and **will be judged at the state level** using criteria from state rubric.
- **Forever Young Authors must be members of NCRA.**

COUNCIL CHOICE ENTRIES

- Each council may choose two entries as Council Choices. Council choice entries may be selected based on various criteria including student growth in writing, students with challenges due to language or disabilities, etc. These will bypass the judging, BUT will be read by at least two members of the EC. The content and language must be deemed appropriate. These entries will add two (2) to the numbers above. If there is a question regarding publication of the council choice entry, the local YA chair will be contacted.
- The Council Choice entries must be clearly marked (X) in the “Council Choice” column on the **YA ENTRY SPREADSHEET located in each council’s entry folder**

JUDGES’ CHOICE

- Judges’ Choice is determined when an entry receives a perfect score from both judges. This will be noted by the Young Authors Committee. This is not determined by the local council.

ART ENTRIES

- The designs must be original ideas and clearly connect with the theme. Art must be vertical top to bottom (portrait).
- Guidelines for the Cover Art Design may be accessed on the NCRA website in the YA Google Drive Folder, Young Authors Art Design Criteria
- **Each Local Council may submit up to 10 Art Entries.**
- Scan and submit as a **jpeg file**
- Each physical entry must be accompanied by a Young Author’s Entry Form. *Suggested deadline for local submissions is November 1, 2022.*
- You will submit your digital entries using the **Young Authors Entry Form no later than December 1, 2022.** **UPLOAD council entries to the Council Art Folder as JPEG files (not pdf files).**
- The scanned JPEG should be saved as follows:
NumericalGradeLevel__LastNameFirstName_CouncilName/Initials
 - (example: **02_RiveraStephanie_BRRC**)
- The designs will be judged by the YA Committee who will select finalists.
- The President may select the cover design or request a vote from the Executive Committee
- The State YA Chair will notify local YA Chair of art winners by **JANUARY 14, 2023**
- **WINNING** Physical art entries need to be MAILED state YA Chair to:
 - Karyn Gloden, 277 S Tranquility Trail, Union Mills, NC 28167.
 - SEND winning physical art entries by **JANUARY 20, 2023.**

2022-23 YOUNG AUTHORS PROJECT TIMELINE/DEADLINES

ACTION	WHO	DATE
Theme Introduction	Margaret Cuthbertson, President	June 26, 2022
Leadership Session for YA	Karyn Gloden, YA Chair	June 26, 2022
Intent to Participate Form	Council YA Chairs/Presidents	June 26-28
Planning for Local Council Meetings to share YA information	Local Council officers and YA Chair(s)	July-August
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote YA Project and share all state resources 2. Devote a beginning meeting to YA 3. Set Local Deadlines for writing and art entries 4. Update Permission Forms as needed 5. Utilize all social media sites for council to create anticipation and excitement for YA 	Local Council Officers and YA Chair(s)	September-October
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect Writing and Art Entries 2. Ensure that all entries have a Permission form (keep these at local level) 3. <u>Judge</u> at the local level and choose your state level entries according to allotted membership numbers (use the chart in the General Information Document) 4. Upload local winners' writing to Local Council YA folder 5. Complete Local Council YA Spreadsheet 6. Scan up to 10 art entries and submit as jpeg files 	YA Chair(s)/Committee	November - December 1 DEADLINE for submitting entries for state level judging is December 1, 2022
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The State Judging Window is open the first week of January 	State YA Chair	January 2-13, 2023

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Each Council needs AT LEAST 2 council members to judge for state (Identify on Intent to Participate Form) 3. The state judging link will be shared on the first day of the window 4. Specific details and criteria for state judging will be shared prior to the judging window 5. All art work will be judged by the state YA Committee 	Local Council YA Chair(s) Local Council Presidents Local Council State Judges	
Notification of art and writing winners	State YA Chair	January 13-20
STATE YA BOOK SALES	State YA Chair State YA Committee	January-February
Local Councils plan Local Celebration and Publication of Local Winners	Local YA Chairs Local EC/BOD	January-March
Celebrations and YA Book Release	Everyone	March
Post YA Celebration Photos and information on all social media sites	State YA Chair State Media Local YA Chair(s) Local Presidents	March-June

QUESTIONS?

Please contact your local council Young Authors Chair for questions or concerns. Please visit the NCRA website www.ncreading.org for a list of local councils and contact information.

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