

Loomis Chaffee Writing Initiatives is delighted to announce the seventh annual Katharine Brush Flash Fiction Contest! The theme for this year's competition is "glitter." Stories of 1000 words or fewer should be submitted to Turnitin.com by February 7, 2024.

In 1924, Katharine Brush began writing her debut novel, giving it the title *Glitter* to evoke the spirit of the 1920s and the human tendency to fall for dazzling appearances. The enduring presence of glitter in contemporary life attests to its timeless appeal, as material, as verb, and as metaphor—an art supply thrown by fistfuls at parades, a description of light on the surface of a gemstone, or a figure of speech for the hollow promises of showbusiness.

A century later, the 2024 Katharine Brush Flash Fiction Contest invites student writers to consider within their own flash fiction the concept, theme, or material substance of glitter. The word "glitter" must appear in the submission – student writers may use it as a noun, verb, or metaphor.

A panel of judges, comprising writers and teachers of writing from outside the school, will read submissions. Prizes will be awarded to the authors of winning submissions. Select pieces may be featured in the spring publication of *The Loom*. If you have questions, please contact Dr. John Morrell, Dr. Zach Grobe, or Ms. Karen Parsons.

All writing should be original to the student and to this contest. To submit to Turnitin.com, enroll in the Katharine Brush Flash Fiction Contest "class" using the Class ID: 41756862 and the enrollment key: KBFF. All pieces must be submitted as Microsoft Word documents.