# 33rd Annual ZED Creative WRITING CONTEST

Open to All Students in Grades 5-12

## IMPORTANT DATES

Writing/Registration Begins
**October 20, 2025**

Completed Papers Due
**November 14, 2025**

Judging
**December 2025**

Winners Announced
**January 2026**

## TOPIC

The moment
I woke up,
I knew.....

## COMPOSITION DIVISIONS

**5th – 6th Grade**

**7th – 8th Grade**

**9th – 12th Grade**

*Separate categories for Prose and Poetry in each Division*

## AWARDS

TOP AUTHORS (EXEMPLARY) IN EACH DIVISION & CATEGORY WILL RECEIVE A SMALL GIFT AND A $25 BARNES & NOBLE GIFT CARD, IN ADDITION TO HAVING THEIR COMPOSITIONS PUBLISHED IN AND RECEIVING A COPY OF THE 2025-2026 ZED CREATIVE WRITING BOOKLET. DIVISION WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY WILL ALSO HAVE THEIR NAMES LISTED ON THE ZED WEBSITE.

HONORABLE MENTION AUTHORS (80% AND ABOVE) WILL RECEIVE A SMALL GIFT AND WILL HAVE THEIR COMPOSITIONS PUBLISHED IN AND WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE 2025-2026 ZED CREATIVE WRITING BOOKLET.

ALL WRITERS WHO ENTER THE CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES LISTED IN THE 2025-2026 ZED CREATIVE WRITING BOOKLET.