



## 2025 Creative Writing Winners

### Elementary and Junior High Short Story and Poetry

NATIONAL WINNERS				
PLACE	ELEMENTARY		JUNIOR HIGH	
	SHORT STORY	POETRY	SHORT STORY	POETRY
<b>1st</b>	Mary Burkhanova – 5 Harford Christian School Darlington, MD	Elyssa Queyan – 6 Ocean County Christian Academy Toms River, NJ	Alice Yoder – 8 Land O' Lakes Christian School Land O' Lakes, FL	Shreeya Shah – 7 Schaumburg Christian School Schaumburg, IL
<b>2nd</b>	Rylie Martin – 6 The Pilgrim Academy Egg Harbor, NJ	Cadence Bushman – 6 Berean Baptist Christian School Rockford, IL	Analise Marie Gowen – 8 Grand View Christian Academy Beavercreek, OR	Brooklyn Fast – 8 Newton Bible Christian School Newton, KS
<b>3rd</b>	Mikayla Noland – 5 Calvary Baptist Academy Ottawa, KS	Thalia Michel – 6 Colonial Christian School Indianapolis, IN	Ashton Young – 8 Killian Hill Christian School Lilburn, GA	Rebekah Miller – 8 Calvary Baptist Church Academy Glen Burnie, MD

STATE WINNERS				
STATE	ELEMENTARY		JUNIOR HIGH	
	SHORT STORY	POETRY	SHORT STORY	POETRY
<b>ALABAMA</b>	Sawyer Trantham – 4 Trinity Christian Academy Oxford, AL	Riata Mulvehill – 6 Glen Iris Baptist School Birmingham, AL	Della Lancaster – 7 Tuscaloosa Christian School Cottondale, AL	Chau Minh Nguyen – 7 Atmore Christian School Atmore, AL
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	Max Cortez – 6 Valley Christian Academy Santa Maria, CA	Aubrey Hernandez – 5 Valley Christian Academy Santa Maria, CA	Eleora Faye Ilan – 7 International Bible Baptist Acad. San Leandro, CA	Emma Stevens – 8 Calvary Baptist Christian Academy American Canyon, CA
<b>FLORIDA</b>	Miao Wei – 6 Land O' Lakes Christian School Land O' Lakes, FL	John Rathburn – 5 Land O' Lakes Christian School Land O' Lakes, FL	Alice Yoder – 8 Land O' Lakes Christian School Land O' Lakes, FL	NONE
<b>GEORGIA</b>	NONE	NONE	Ashton Young – 8 Killian Hill Christian School Lilburn, GA	Abigail Barnes – 8 Bible Baptist Christian School Hampton, GA
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	Ashley Chen – 5 Marquette Manor Baptist Acad. Downers Grove, IL	Cadence Bushman – 6 Berean Baptist Christian School Rockford, IL	Andrew Scalzitti – 8 Marquette Manor Baptist Acad. Downers Grove, IL	Shreeya Shah – 7 Schaumburg Christian School Schaumburg, IL
<b>INDIANA</b>	Joanna Thlei – 6 Suburban Christian School Indianapolis, IN	Thalia Michel – 6 Colonial Christian School Indianapolis, IN	Evan Moser – 7 Chapel Hill Christian School Indianapolis, IN	NONE
<b>KANSAS</b>	Mikayla Noland – 5 Calvary Baptist Academy Ottawa, KS	Russell Napier – 6 Newton Bible Christian School Newton, KS	Chloe Balote – 8 Calvary Baptist Academy Ottawa, KS	Brooklyn Fast – 8 Newton Bible Christian School Newton, KS
<b>MARYLAND</b>	Mary Burkhanova – 5 Harford Christian School Darlington, MD	Ruby Hennon – 6 Harford Christian School Darlington, MD	Caleb Pinkney Calvary Baptist Church Academy Glen Burnie, MD	Rebekah Miller – 8 Calvary Baptist Church Academy Glen Burnie, MD
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	Rylie Martin – 6 The Pilgrim Academy Egg Harbor, NJ	Elyssa Queyan – 6 Ocean County Christian Academy Toms River, NJ	Ella Padzkewicz – 8 The Pilgrim Academy Egg Harbor, NJ	McKenzie May – 8 The Pilgrim Academy Egg Harbor, NJ

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<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	Kiara Pezzulo – 6 Friendship Christian School Raleigh, NC	Emily Olson – 6 Wilmington Christian Academy Wilmington, NC	Alexa Luchon – 8 Greenville Christian Academy Greenville, NC	Olivia Allman – 8 Fayetteville St. Christian School Asheboro, NC
<b>OHIO</b>	Remmi Cunningham – 6 Carroll County Christian Academy Carrollton, OH	NONE	Logan Gaines – 8 Zanesville Christian School Zanesville, OH	NONE
<b>OREGON/ WASHINGTON</b>	Kaden Michael Strauch – 6 Grand View Christian Academy Beavercreek, OR	Dimitri Makin – 5 Westgate Christian School Tigard, OR	Analise Marie Gowen – 8 Grand View Christian Academy Beavercreek, OR	NONE
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	Karleigh Golden – 4 Missionary Christian School Pickens, SC	Abby Parker – 5 Emmanuel Christian School Hartsville, SC	Eleanor Hicks – 8 Bob Jones Academy Greenville, SC	Colleen Jones – 7 Bob Jones Academy Greenville, SC
<b>TEXAS</b>	Lydia Boyd – 6 Capitol City Baptist School Austin, TX	Andy Stanley – 6 Victory Baptist Academy Weatherford, TX	Sophia Saint Jacques – 8 Westside Baptist Academy Katy, TX	Landry Bass – 7 Victory Baptist Academy Weatherford, TX
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	Elijah Senia – 5 Landmark Christian School Richmond, VA	Diane Haas – 5 Landmark Christian School Richmond, VA	Eva Smith – 8 Heritage Christian School Woodbridge, VA	Olivia Lavoie – 8 Bethel Christian School Hampton, VA
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	Isabella Lemasters – 5 Morgantown Christian Academy Morgantown, WV	NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	Kate Bliss Carmona – 6 Calvary Baptist Christian School Watertown, WI	Grace Ortiz – 6 Faith Christian School Coleman, WI	Johanna Henning – 7 Mukwonago Baptist Academy Mukwonago, WI	Harmony Burgoyne – 7 Academy of Excellence Milwaukee, WI

States not listed did not submit entries.