



# The Argenta Reading Series High School Writing Contest

Presented by the William F. Laman Public Library System of North Little Rock

Winner will receive \$1,000, and three other finalists will receive \$500 each.

## ELIGIBILITY:

Entrants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be a student in grade 10-12 at an Arkansas high school or have earned a GED within 12 months of the contest entry deadline.
- Must attend an accredited Arkansas college or university after graduation.
- If chosen as a finalist, entrants must be able to read the piece in front of a live audience at Argenta Reading Series in North Little Rock on March 14, 2020.
- Must meet submission requirements listed below.

## SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

To enter, email one piece of original, unpublished prose writing—fiction or creative nonfiction—to [guy@argentareadingseries.com](mailto:guy@argentareadingseries.com) with the subject line: ARS Writing Contest 2020. Academic work will not be considered. Works should be between 1,000-3,000 words in length. Send file as an attached PDF, not a Google Document.

## FORMATTING:

Times New Roman, 12-point font, single-spaced. Include page numbers and the title of your piece on each page. Include a title page that lists the following:

- Title of Work
- A declaration of “Fiction” or “Nonfiction”
- Name
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- High School (If GED, list GED)
- Expected Graduation Date (GED Date)
- College Planning to Attend

Example:

True Grit  
Fiction  
Charles Portis  
[roostercburn@famouswriter.com](mailto:roostercburn@famouswriter.com)  
501.555.1234  
Hamburg High School  
May 2020  
University of Arkansas

## DEADLINE:

Entries for the 2020 contest must be received by 11:59 p.m. January 31. Finalists will be notified no later than February 15, 2020.

Should the winning student not attend a qualifying school within a year of graduation or winning contest—whichever comes last—he or she will forfeit prize money. Depending upon quality of submissions, some or all prizes may not be awarded.

Final decisions regarding all matters of the contest will be up to ARS Director Guy Choate.