

## Writing Competition Guidelines

Entries for both events (fiction/non-fiction) must be emailed to [aclaforensics@gmail.com](mailto:aclaforensics@gmail.com) by December 1. Please follow guidelines below. Entry fee is \$15 per event. We will have three separate age groups. Elementary school will consist of grades 3-5, middle school will be grades 6-8, and high school is grades 9-12.

- Entrants must register with their school or academy on [forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) in pattern E.
  - <http://www.forensicstournament.net/ACLAINvitational/17/home/>
- Each entry must include a cover page containing
  - Competitor's name
  - Name of school or academy
  - Student's age group (Elementary, Middle, or High School)
  - **Pattern E**
- Academy/school must email all entries at the same time and follow the payment instructions on the invitation.
- Each entry must be a separate attachment to email.
- Word limit not to exceed
  - Elementary and Middle Schools: 750 words
  - High School: 1000 words

Winners will be announced on December 9 at CSU Fullerton at the tournament awards ceremony.

### Fiction

Competitors must submit an original fictional story about a superhero that follows the tournament's theme: Respect.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Originality (create your own superhero and story)
2. Structure: Beginning, Climax, End
3. Language/Grammar
4. Tournament theme – Does the story illustrate respect?

### Non-Fiction

Competitors must submit an original, non-fictional argumentative essay.

Writing prompt: Answer the question "Should respect be given to everyone no matter what, or is it something that needs to be earned?"

Entries will be judged on:

1. Language/Grammar
2. Clear position – did the writer pick a side?
3. Arguments (strength of the arguments and sources cited to back up reasoning)