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Kansas Authors Club Announces Annual Writing Contests Opening April 1 through June 15

All residents of the state of Kansas are invited to enter the annual literary contests of the Kansas Authors Club. Entries in 18 categories of prose and poetry are accepted April 1 to June 15 with cash prizes presented at the Kansas Authors Club Writing Convention on October 6, 2024. Winners who cannot attend the awards ceremony will receive awards by mail after the event. All residents of the state of Kansas are welcome to enter, and those who are members get discounted entry fees. Members of the club may reside anywhere in Kansas and beyond.

The contest for young writers, grades 3-12, includes categories in poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. There are no fees for youth entries. The awards ceremony for young writers will take place this year at the Kansas Book Festival in Topeka on September 28, 2024.

"Words Take Flight: Choose Your Own Adventure" is the theme for 2024. In prose, theme entries can be fiction or nonfiction, with a limit of 1,500 words, any genre. In poetry, the theme entries can be of any poetic form. Full guidelines and all category descriptions for adult and youth contests can be found at www.kansasauthorsclub.org (menu – Writing Contests – All Ages).

As well as the annual youth and adult categories in prose and poetry, the Kansas Poetry Chapbook Contest has categories for Craft "Homemade" Chapbooks and Published Chapbooks, as well as five categories for published books, including awards for fiction / nonfiction / poetry, books on Kansas history, books for children, and a book design award.

Anyone with an interest in writing is invited to become a member of Kansas Authors Club. Organizations such as libraries and businesses that have services for authors may also be interested membership and monthly programs, which are available via Zoom with accessible recordings for those who are not available to attend during the live program. Learn more at www.kansasauthorsclub.org.