



LIFE Senior Services 2022 Writing Contest Rules

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The Oklahoma Arts Council and LIFE's Senior Centers are offering a writing contest as part of the 2022 Writers' Symposium. This contest is being held to encourage a sense of connection, creativity, and appreciation of the arts and to lend creative writing ideas to seniors in our community.

Eligibility: The contest is open to any person aged **50 and older** who resides in northeastern Oklahoma and is not an employee of LIFE Senior Services or their immediate families or a judge of the contest. Only unpublished, original manuscripts will be accepted. Writers can enter one essay between **500 and 800 words in length.**

Writing Theme: Writers are to draw from their personal life experiences using the theme "Writing From Memory." Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place entries as selected by a judging committee of writers and educators.

Entry Dates: Writing entries will be accepted starting March 1, 2022, and must be received by May 16, 2022. Winners will be announced at the Writers' Symposium June 2022 event and in LIFE's Vintage Newsmagazine.

Judging: A panel of judges has been assembled of educators and journalists. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, use of theme, and writing style. The decisions of the judges are final.

Awards: First, second, and third place awards will be presented. Cash prizes are \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for the third-place winner. Each winner will also receive a free one-year membership to LIFE's Senior Centers, valued at \$70.

The winning manuscripts will be published as submitted in LIFE's Vintage Newsmagazine, both the printed and digital versions.

Writing Contest Rules:

1. All entries must be original, unpublished work.
2. Because LIFE Senior Services is a nonprofit organization, entries must not endorse or criticize a political party, ideology, or representative.
3. Entries must be suitable for all audiences.
4. Only entries between 500 and 800 words will be accepted.
5. The writer's name, address, and phone number must be submitted on a separate cover sheet. The title of the essay should be on each page of the document. Do not put your name on any other page except the cover sheet, as manuscripts are to be judged anonymously.

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6. Writers can submit one entry.
7. By participating in the contest, each entrant grants LIFE Senior Services permission to use his or her name and writing entry for publicity purposes and to publish in LIFE's Vintage Newsmagazine's printed and digital versions. If your work is selected, it will be published as submitted. The author retains the copyright to the submitted work.
8. Entries must be typed or be legible if handwritten.
9. All entries must be received by LIFE Senior Services by May 16, 2022.
10. Entries may be submitted by mail, email, or in-person.
Email to: dduren@lifeseniorservices.org
Mail to: Writer's Symposium Writing Contest,
Attention: Dee Duren; 5330 E. 31st St., Ste. 800, Tulsa OK 74135

Delivery In-Person at:
LIFE Central Tulsa, 5950 E. 31st St., Tulsa
LIFE's Senior Center at East Side, East Side Christian Church Annex,
1427 S. Indianapolis Ave., Tulsa
11. By submitting an entry, the writer agrees to follow all contest rules.