



# The Write Stuff Teen Contest Rules



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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The Write Stuff Teen Contest is open to students in grades 6-12 who have a cancer connection – their own diagnosis or that of a family member or friend. Students must be residents of Kentucky or Southern Indiana and may enter in one category only – essay, poetry, art or video. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category (1st - \$500, 2nd - \$250, 3rd - \$125).

Submissions become the property of Gilda's Club Louisville and may be edited for clarity or space consideration and displayed in printed publications and on [www.gildasclublouisville.org](http://www.gildasclublouisville.org). All entries must be submitted electronically (pieces of art may be mailed or delivered-see below) and are **due by midnight, Friday, September 30, 2016**. All submissions must accompany a completed entry form. All contestants will be notified of the contest outcome. Judges' decisions are final.

## ESSAY SPECIFICS

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Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. Essays must be typed in 12 pt Times New Roman font, double-spaced and no fewer than 750 words and no more than 2,000 words. No PDFs, please. Essays must be student's own original voice – reflecting his or her experience living with cancer, personal insights, original thoughts, lessons learned and individual character. Enter by going to [www.gildasclublouisville.org](http://www.gildasclublouisville.org) and clicking on "Enter Write Stuff".

## POETRY SPECIFICS

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Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. Poems must be typed in 12 pt Times New Roman font, a minimum of 15 lines in length and a maximum of 20 lines. No PDFs, please. Poems must be student's own original voice – reflecting his or her experience living with cancer, personal insights, original thoughts, lessons learned and individual character. Enter by going to [www.gildasclublouisville.org](http://www.gildasclublouisville.org) and clicking on "Enter Write Stuff".

## ARTWORK SPECIFICS

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Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. Artwork must include an artist statement that is typed in 12 pt Times New Roman font, no fewer than 200 words and no more than 500 words. Your artist statement should give context to your piece and how it relates to your cancer journey. No PDFs, please. All artwork must be original and the sole work of the student. Artwork media may include paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, photography, collage, woodcuts, linoleum block prints, silk screen, monoprints, lithographs, fixed chalk or pastel and computer art. No color photocopies will be accepted. Artwork must not exceed 11"x17" and must be 2-dimensional.

Enter by going to [www.gildasclublouisville.org](http://www.gildasclublouisville.org) and clicking on "Enter Write Stuff". Artwork must be mailed or delivered flat or rolled in a tube - not folded - to Janet Gruenberg at Gilda's Club Louisville, 633 Baxter Avenue, Louisville, KY 40204. Artwork may be picked up at Gilda's Club Louisville at the end of February 2017, following a public exhibit.

## VIDEO SPECIFICS

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Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. All videos must be 2-4 minutes long, original and the sole work of the student. All videos should be uploaded to YouTube and labeled as "public" but not "searchable". An artist statement in 12 pt Times New Roman font, no fewer than 200 words and no more than 500 words. No PDFs, please. Your artist statement should give context to your piece and how it relates to your cancer journey. Enter by going to [www.gildasclublouisville.org](http://www.gildasclublouisville.org) and clicking on "Enter Write Stuff".