

2021 MCEF Creative Writing & Poetry Contest

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First Place Winners



Primary

Student: Dara Wyatt

School: Gilbert Linkous

Entry: "The Shaping of My Life"

Dara recently moved to Blacksburg from Asheville, NC with her family. I She enjoys drawing, writing songs, and hanging out with her new friends.

Elementary

Student: Miriam Annika Lee

School: Kips Elementary

Entry: "Dear Rock N Roll"

Miriam Lee is in 5th grade and is proud to go to Kipps Elementary School. She loves to dance, crochet, read books, write, and listen to music. Her favorite rock band is Pearl Jam. She is really grateful to Mont Co. Education Foundation for inspiring her to listen to lots of rock music and to write this poem.



Middle School

Student: Brooke Haines

School: Shawsville Middle School

Entry: "Rocket 88"

Brooke Haines is an aspiring young author who lives in Christiansburg, VA. When she's not writing, she likes to listen to music, read books, paint, & play video games. Brooke is 13, has been writing for 5 years, and is currently working on her first novel, a YA fantasy called Star Child.

High School

Student: Poetry Kirk

School: Blacksburg High

Entry: "Music Through the Ages"

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Second Place Winners

Primary

Student: Forrester Maxwell

School: Gilbert Linkous

Entry: "At The Rock and Roll Show"

Forrester Maxwell is a third grader at Gilbert Linkous Elementary. His favorite things are animals, Star Wars, LEGO, skateboarding, and hiking in the woods. Forrester read a lot of poetry during COVID last year with his friend Solly and Solly's dad, Brock, and was inspired by this to start writing his own poems. He is very thankful for this award!



Elementary

Student: Ross Stewart

School: Kipps Elementary

Entry: "Long Live Rock n Roll"

Ross Stewart is eleven years old and moved to Blacksburg just last year from Pomeroy, Ohio. He enjoys Pokémon, chess, cars, spending time with his dog, B.B. King, and of course, music. His favorite band is Queen and his go-to performance song is Bohemian Rhapsody.



Middle School

Student: Emma Harvey

School: Blacksburg Middle School

Entry: "A Love Letter to Music"

The theme for this year's contest was a perfect match for BMS eighth grader Emma Harvey, who has been making music her entire young life! Emma is a member of the BMS Bel Canto choir and has performed in several local musical theatre productions. In her spare time, she enjoys singing and playing guitar, ukulele, and piano as well as reading, creative writing, and spending time with friends.



High School

Student: Cassidy Ackerman-Garvin

School: Blacksburg High School

Entry: "World on the Horizon"

Cassidy is a sophomore at Blacksburg High School, and she likes listening to music, writing, playing the oboe, and participating in the marching band.



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Third Place Winners



Primary

Student: Lillian Hernberger

School: Gilbert Linkous

Entry: "Rock With Me"

Lillian Hernberger is a second grader at Gilbert Linkous Elementary. She loves art, writing, baking, cooking, soccer, gymnastics and dance. She lives with her Mom, Dad, little brother Liam and will soon be adding a new puppy to the family!

Elementary

Student: Malia Buckwalter

School: Auburn Elementary School

Entry: "Music Everywhere"

Malia is bright, kind-hearted, and enjoys singing, gymnastics, reading, and playing with her friends. Malia would like to become a news reporter, saying "It seems fun and I like to talk a lot!"



Middle School

Student: Anima Baral

School: Christiansburg Middle School

Entry: "How Rock N Roll Helped My Mom Fight Cancer"

Anima Baral, born in Nepal, currently attends Christiansburg Middle School. Her hobbies include reading novels and writing short stories. She believes the following quote is a motto worth adopting: "Edit your life frequently and ruthlessly. It's your masterpiece after all."

High School

Student: Lawrence Wang

School: Blacksburg High School

Entry: "How Music Has Influenced Me and Others"

Music is a big part of my life, and that gave me inspiration for this poem. A quote that I like is: "Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure," by George E. Woodberry.





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Honorable Mentions

Elementary

Student: Sadie Zhang

School: Kipps Elementary

Entry: "Rock n' Roll and Civil Rights"



Middle School

Student: Abigail Hewitt

School: Christiansburg Middle School

Entry: "This is Rock, That is Roll, and These Are the People"

Middle School

Student: Madden Hebdon

School: Blacksburg Middle School

Entry: "Let the Music Go On"



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