



Bedford Free Library's 18th Annual

HIGH SCHOOL

WRITING CONTEST 2026

For high school students who attend school or reside in
the Bedford Central School District.

All entries must be submitted by email as a PDF
to atownley@bedfordfreelibrary.org

DEADLINE EXTENDED:

Entries due Monday, March 2 @ 5PM

Winners will be notified via email by
Friday, March 13

PRIZES

First Place \$100
Second Place \$50
Third Place \$25

Awards Ceremony at The Bedford Free Library - Thursday, March 19 at 3:30

CATEGORIES

FICTION

A creative piece limited only by your imagination
(Save poetry for the Library's Poetry Contest in April)

NONFICTION

An essay limited only by the facts

***RULES (Please Read)**

- *entries must be in PDF
- *author's name must be included in email subject only, not in the body of the work
- *one entry per category
- *must be MLA format
- *work previously written for other purposes is acceptable

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