

# The Write Stuff Contest Rules

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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The Write Stuff 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 Kentuckiana and may be edited for clarity or space consideration and displayed in printed publications and on [gck.org](http://gck.org). Entries may be submitted electronically or pieces may be mailed or delivered to Gilda's Club and are **due by midnight, Thursday, December 15, 2022**. Essays, poetry, and artist statements must be submitted as Microsoft Word files. Entry application must be completed prior to the submission of your piece. Submission instructions will be sent following receipt of application. 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 one page and no more than three pages. 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 [gck.org](http://gck.org) and clicking on Write Stuff Contest.

## 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 [gck.org](http://gck.org) and clicking on Write Stuff Contest.

## 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.

Enter by going to [gck.org](http://gck.org) and clicking on Write Stuff Contest. Artwork can be mailed or delivered flat or rolled in a tube - not folded - to Dzifa Adjei at Gilda's Club Kentuckiana, 2440 Grinstead Drive, Louisville, KY 40204. Artwork may be picked up at Gilda's Club Kentuckiana following a public exhibit – date to be determined.

## 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 2-5 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 [gck.org](http://gck.org) and clicking on Write Stuff Contest.



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