National Sigma Kappa Delta Writing Contest Guidelines and Waiver Form
Submissions are accepted from active ΣΚΔ members only.

Postmark Deadline for Writing Award Entries – November 15

Sigma Kappa Delta sponsors a yearly writing competition for members currently enrolled in two-year colleges. Winners are recognized at the national conference each year and receive monetary awards (First: $200, Second: $150, Third: $100) as well as the privilege of being published in our national literary journal, Hedera helix. We welcome entries in poetry, personal essay, short fiction, and literary analysis. Prose manuscripts should not exceed 2,500 words, and literary analyses should include no secondary sources. Each member may submit up to three prose works and three poems.

Submission Guidelines:
Each mailed entry must include an official waiver form (last page of this packet) and one hard copy of the entry. Mail the waiver form and hard copy to the address listed below. In addition, one electronic version of the entry must be emailed to skd@calhoun.edu. The guidelines for the electronic submission are spelled out below.

Use this format for hard copy:
- The Word Document hard copy must be typed (Times New Roman/12 Font), double-spaced, on 8.5 x 11-inch plain, white paper with one-inch margins and a ½ inch header.
- Critical analyses must follow the format and documentation style defined in the latest edition of the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. Submissions using secondary sources will be disqualified.
- DO NOT identify yourself in any way on any page of the submitted text.

Use these guidelines for electronic versions:
- The electronic version must be in .doc format (.pdf format will not be accepted). DO NOT identify yourself on any page of the submission.
- Each entry must be submitted as a separate email.
- Label the Subject Line of the email EXACTLY as noted: Year of Submission - Category of Submission - “Entry” / First and Last Name, College Name:
  - 2016 Literary Analysis Entry / John Smith, Tarrant SE Campus
  - 2017 Poetry Entry / Jane Jones, Darton State College
  - 2018 Short Fiction Entry / Tom Brown, Univ of Wisc Rock County
  - 2019 Personal Essay Entry / Anne Moore, College of the Canyons

Winners will be announced at the national convention. Entrants should attend the national convention to personally accept awards. Winners and other entries of merit will also be published in the national literary journal, Hedera helix.

Mail Entries to:
SKD National Office
Attn: Copy Editor of Publications
Calhoun Community College
POB 2216
Decatur, AL 35609
I, ______________________, agree to allow Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society, to publish in its online and printed version of *Hedera helix* the literary work or works: *(Each member may submit up to three prose works and three poems.)*

- [ ] Poetry submission(s) titled _________________________________.
- [ ] Personal essay submission(s) titled _________________________________.
- [ ] Literary Analysis submission(s) titled _________________________________.
- [ ] Short Fiction submission(s) titled _________________________________.

I warrant that no previous copyrighted publication of the work(s) has occurred and that I did not commit plagiarism. Further, I grant the editors of *Hedera helix* the right to edit my work for correctness and style.

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Student’s Full Name Printed Here

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Student’s Signature and Date Here

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Chapter Name and College Name Printed Here

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Sponsor’s Name Printed Here

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Sponsor’s Signature* and Date Here

*Sponsors, by signing this form, you are validating that this student is an SKD member in good standing.*