

# 2021 LAD Fair Rules & Information

## RULES

1. Teachers/LAD members submitting entries must be a current member of LAD. To join LAD and pay for membership, please click [here](#). LAD's website ([ladfair.com](http://ladfair.com)) also has link to join LAD and pay for your membership. Teachers/LAD members must join and pay online before Sort Day, March 26, 2021.
2. Teachers/LAD members may submit a maximum total of four entries per category, regardless of the number of grade levels taught. If a teacher/LAD member exceeds the allowed number of entries in a category, the entries will be pulled and disqualified.
3. Complete a 2021 entry form for each entry.
  - Entries must have the current year's entry form.
  - Students must sign the form attesting to the originality of their work.
  - Teacher/LAD member may sign for entries submitted by groups.
  - No information identifying student or teacher/LAD member should appear on individual entries. (Names may be covered or masked.)
  - PLEASE:** Cut off lower left-hand corner of the form so it will not be caught in the staple. Fold under the bottom half of entry form on the dotted line. Attach form with one staple (no paper clips!) to the FRONT of the entry at the TOP LEFT-hand corner.
  - Hint:** Fill an entry form with teacher/LAD member name, school, etc. to use as a master copy. Make copies of master entry form for all student entries.
4. Each teacher's/LAD member's entries must include a Category Tally Sheet showing the total number of entries in the appropriate categories. Be sure to use the current category numbers as they may change from year to year. *Each teacher should submit his/her own Tally sheet* (do not put multiple teachers on one sheet). **Hint:** Make copy of Category Tally Sheet and keep for your use to pick up entries on LAD Fair day.
5. Written entries must be original works produced by the student. Although entries may be typed (see rule 11), computer graphics, clip art, and internet photos are not permitted.
6. **IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION:** All mailed writing and art entries (except categories 79 & 80; see following rule) must be postmarked by March 19, 2021. All teachers/LAD members who are going to personally deliver their entries must bring them on Friday, March 26 by 4:30 p.m. NOTE: Doors will be locked at 4:30 p.m. Teachers/LAD members who personally deliver their entries should stay to sort their entries. REMINDER: To submit writing and art entries the teacher/LAD member must be a current LAD member. See LAD website for membership link. **\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the uncertainty concerning Covid-19, mailing address for mailed entries and location for dropping off entries will be posted on LAD's website early March 2021. LAD thanks everyone for her/his understanding and patience.
7. Individual 3-Dimensional Structure (Category 79) and Group Project (Category 80) with entry forms attached should be delivered Friday, April 23. NO entries for 79 and 80 will be collected until April 23. Teachers/LAD members must set up their own entries for judging and must pick them up by noon the day of the fair. REMINDER: Each art entry must have card attached explaining relationship of art to literature. **\*NOTE:** All other art categories (74-78) have the same deadline as the writing categories.
8. An entry without a category designation, a category number, a grade level designation, or not meeting requirements outlined in these rules or on the category tally sheet will be pulled and disqualified. An entry submitted in the wrong category will not be judged.
9. All entries must be titled. Untitled entries will not be judged.
10. Writing entries (including books) should be on paper no larger than 8 ½ X 11. Only poster poems may be submitted on larger (maximum 14 X 22) paper.

11. Typed prose entries must be double-spaced, 12 point font.
12. If a prose piece is 20 pages or longer, excluding anthology categories, the student should indicate a 10-page excerpt for the judge's initial reading.
13. Schools submitting 50 or more entries **must provide workers** for at least two LAD events (for example: sort day, judging day, set-up day, LAD Fair day).
14. **The official LAD rules and entry forms** are available online at [www.ladfair.com](http://www.ladfair.com). The website also has other useful information such as LAD meeting location information and winners' lists. **Please check website regularly for updates.**

## INFORMATION

1. Competition levels are grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12.
2. **Writers Hall of Fame Contest!** First-place winners in designated categories for grades 5-12 will be entered in the Writers Hall of Fame writing contest. LAD categories are combined for the Writers Hall of Fame competition. For example, first-place winners in LAD categories 1, 9, 23, 24, 25 and 27 go on to be judged for the Writers Hall of Fame Nonfiction winner. One winner is chosen as the Writers Hall of Fame winner from the group of first-place LAD winners.  
Writers Hall of Fame categories are as follows:  
  - Nonfiction: categories 1, 9, 23, 24, 25 and 27
  - Prose: categories 5A, 5B, 5C, 7, 8, 20A and 20B
  - Long Prose: categories 21A, 21B, 22, 26, 68 and 69
  - Journalism: categories 16, 60A, 60B, 61, 62, and 63
  - Strict formula poetry: categories 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 51
  - Long poetry: categories 40, 49, 52, 55, 57, 58 and 65
  - Other formula poetry: categories 46, 47, 48, 50, 53 and 56
3. **LAD Sponsored Scholarships:** Three scholarships are awarded to grades 11/12 winning anthologies. The George Gleason Scholarship is given to the first-place original prose anthology by an individual (category 33); the Joan Collins Scholarship is given to the first-place original poetry anthology by an individual (category 29); the Kathy McQueen Scholarship is given to the first-place original prose & poetry anthology by an individual (category 37).
4. **More Scholarship Opportunities:** Organizations work closely with LAD to award scholarships. The following scholarships are available: Writers Hall of Fame, Nick Harkins Memorial Scholarship, Inspired by Nature Scholarship, Spirit of Service Award, and Marine Corps Honor, Courage, Commitment Scholarship. These scholarships have their own application forms and submission rules. Please see the forms and application rules, available on the LAD website, for each separate scholarship.

### List of Possible Scholarships:

Gleason Award & Scholarship	LAD category 33
Collins Award & Scholarship	LAD category 29
McQueen Award & Scholarship	LAD category 37
Writers Hall of Fame Scholarship	Specific and separate rules and application form
Nick Harkins Memorial Scholarship	Specific and separate rules and application form
Inspired by Nature Scholarship	Specific and separate rules and application form
Spirit of Service Award	Specific and separate rules and application form
Marine Corps Honor, Courage, Commitment Scholarship	Specific and separate rules and application form

Please see website for any additional scholarships.

5. **Dance-A-Poem Assembly:** Dance-a-Poem Assembly integrates the arts as dancers and readers perform student-authored poems chosen from winning poetry entries. Students whose poems have been chosen to be performed are informed by their teacher/LAD member, giving them time to invite family and friends to the performance held the day of LAD Fair at Willard High School.

6. **Please** become an active member of LAD. LAD needs your input and your help! **LAD has three meetings a year:**

Fall:	October, first Thursday, evening
Winter:	January, fourth Thursday, evening
Summer:	June, second Saturday, day

Exact time and place will be announced on the LAD website, [www.ladfair.com](http://www.ladfair.com).  
**Everyone is welcome!**
7. Each school district building (elementary, middle school, high school) submitting 50 or more entries to LAD Fair **must** provide a representative to the LAD executive committee. This representative will be responsible for attending three LAD meetings a year and providing input to LAD. Any school is welcome to have a representative on the executive committee. The three meetings are standing dates (see above, Information Item 6).
8. Teacher/LAD member may pick up certificates on the day of the fair at the information table. Teacher/LAD member should indicate on the category tally sheet the number of certificates needed. Teacher/LAD members unable to pick up certificates should have another teacher/LAD member pick them up.
9. Teachers/LAD members may pick up entries **AFTER** 11:00 a.m. on April 24.\* **Teachers/LAD members (or their school representative) MUST pick up entries the day of the fair by noon.** LAD will not be responsible for entries that are not picked up.  
\*Please note this may change due to Covid-19. Please check LAD's website regularly.
10. After picking up entries, if you find any entries that are not yours, please contact the teacher/LAD member listed on entry form to get entry returned to correct student/school. Please be diligent and thoughtful about this; every student deserves his/her entry returned.
11. LAD is not responsible for lost or damaged entries.

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**Please check website regularly for updates.**

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