

2024 LAD Fair Rules & Information

LAD membership is open to anyone who encourages, supports, and promotes the writing of students.

RULES

- LAD member submitting entries must be a *current* member of LAD. To join LAD and pay for membership, please click [here](#).**
LAD's website (ladfair.com) also has to join LAD and pay for your membership. LAD member must join and pay online before Sort Day, March 22, 2024.
Deadline for members paying with a school purchase order or invoice is March 1, 2024.
- LAD member may submit **a maximum total of four entries per category, regardless of the number of grade levels taught**. If a LAD member exceeds the allowed number of entries in a category, the entries will be pulled and disqualified.
- Complete a **2024** entry form for each entry.
 - Entries **must** have the **current** year's entry form.
 - LAD member listed on entry form will be the person listed on all winners' lists and any LAD-associated lists.
 - Students must sign the form attesting to the originality of their work.
 - Only one LAD member's name should be listed on entry form. Please see Rule 2.
 - LAD member may sign for entries submitted by groups.
 - No information identifying student or 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 LAD member name, school, etc. to use as a master copy. Make copies of master entry form to use for student entries.
- Each 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 person should submit his/her own Tally Sheet* (do **not** put multiple LAD members on one sheet).
Hint: Make a copy of Category Tally Sheet and use when picking up entries on LAD Fair day.
- Written entries must be original works produced by the student.
- IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION:** All mailed writing and art entries (**except categories 79 & 80; see following rule**) must be postmarked by March 15, 2024. Mail entries to Jerra Gillespie, LAD Entries, Central High School, 423 E. Central St., Springfield, MO 65802. Any LAD member who is going to deliver entries in person must bring them on Friday, March 22, 2024 to Central High School by 4:30 p.m.
NOTE: Doors will be locked at 4:30 p.m. LAD member who delivers entries in person should stay to sort entries. REMINDER: To submit writing and art entries member must be a current LAD member. See LAD website for membership link.
- Individual 3-Dimensional Structure (Category 79) and Group Project (Category 80) with entry forms attached should be delivered to Central High School by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2024. NO entries for 79 and 80 will be collected before April 26, 2024. LAD member **must** set up her/his own entries for judging and must pick them up by noon the day of the fair.
REMINDER: Each art entry **must** have a card attached explaining relationship of art to literature.
***NOTE:** All other art categories (74-78) have the same deadline as writing categories.
- 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.
- All entries *must* be titled.** Untitled entries will **not** be judged.

10. Writing entries (including books) should be on paper no larger than 8½ x 11. Only poster poems may be submitted on larger (maximum 14 x 22) paper. Elementary entries, which often include artwork, must be able to be folded into a size no larger than 8½ x 11.
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. If no excerpt is indicated, judge will read the first 10 pages of entry.
13. LAD member submitting 25 or more entries is encouraged to volunteer for at least one LAD event (Sort Day, Judging Day, Set-up Day, or Fair Day). Member submitting 50 or more entries is encouraged to volunteer for at least two LAD events (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. The website also has other useful information such as LAD meeting location information and winners' lists. **Please check website regularly for updates.** You can also check LAD's Facebook page for updates. Click here: <https://www.facebook.com/Language-Arts-Department-of-Southwest-Missouri-LAD-153336568038179>

INFORMATION

1. Competition levels are grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12.
2. **NOTE: Category change and a new category.**
Category # 7 has been divided into two separate categories with these definitions/rules:
#7A Essay with Original Photos Taken by the Author – Short fiction or non-fiction work that deals with one subject. Original photos taken by the author should accompany and reflect the essay. (No computer graphics or Internet photos.)
#7B Essay with Photos Not Taken by the Author – Short fiction or non-fiction work that deals with one subject. Essay must be written by one person; photos may be taken by other people, including, but not limited to, the following: other students, LAD members, family members. Photos should be appropriately cited for age level and audience. If an old family photo with no photographer known is used, a possible citation is: Photo courtesy of the Hayes family. Internet photos may be used (such as for a nonfiction essay about the pyramids), but age- and audience-level appropriate citations of the sources must be provided. Essays should be accompanied by photos only, no graphics, charts, etc.

NEW Category! #73 Visual Poetry (new category) (individual) – Original visual poetry, combining art and words. Examples of this might be **concrete poems** where the writer uses both words and graphic patterns to create a poem. If entering a concrete poem, the writer should also submit the words in regular poetry format, for ease in judging; **blackout** (also called erasure) poems where the writer incorporates art and writing (by omitting words from published texts). Search for blackout poetry on Pinterest to see examples.
3. **LAD Sponsored Scholarships:** LAD awards 3 scholarships to the first-place winners in grades 11/12 anthologies.
 - Joan Collins Scholarship (Category 29) Original Poetry Anthology by an Individual.
 - George Gleason Scholarship (Category 33) Original Prose Anthology by an Individual.
 - Kathy McQueen Scholarship (Category 37) Original Prose & Poetry Anthology by an Individual.
4. **More Scholarship Opportunities:** Organizations work closely with LAD to award scholarships. 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.
 - Nick Harkins Memorial Scholarship
 - Inspired by Nature Scholarship

- Spirit of Service Award
- Marine Corps Honor, Courage, Commitment Scholarship
- Marine Corps Veteran Dependent Scholarship

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 LAD member, giving them time to invite family and friends to the performance held the day of LAD Fair at Central 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.
Everyone is welcome!
7. LAD member may pick up certificates on the day of the fair at the information table. Member should indicate on the Category Tally Sheet the number of certificates needed. LAD member unable to pick up certificates should have another LAD member pick them up.
8. LAD member may pick up entries **AFTER** 11:00 a.m. on April 27. **LAD member (or a representative) MUST pick up entries the day of the fair by noon.** LAD is not responsible for entries that are not picked up.
9. After picking up entries, if any entries are not yours, please contact the LAD member listed on entry form to get entry returned to correct student. Please be diligent and thoughtful about this; every student deserves his/her entry returned.
10. LAD is not responsible for lost or damaged entries.
11. **Important 2023-24 dates:**
 - Fall Meeting:** Thursday October 5, 2023, location & time TBA.
 - Winter Meeting:** Thursday, January 25, 2024, location & time TBA.
 - Purchase Order and Invoice Deadline:** Friday, March 1, 2024.
 - Postmark Deadline:** Friday, March 15, 2024. Mail entries to Jerra Gillespie, LAD Entries, Central High School, 423 E Central St, Springfield, MO 65802.
 - Entry Deadline:** Friday, March 22, 2024. Deliver entries in person to Central High School, 423 E Central St, Springfield, MO by 4:30 p.m.
 - Sort Day:** Friday, March 22, 2024, at Central High School.
 - Judging Day:** Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Central High School.
 - Set-up Day:** Friday, April 26, 2024, at Central High School.
 - LAD Fair Day:** Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Central High School.
 - Summer Meeting:** Saturday, June 8, 2024, location & time TBA.

Please check LAD's website or LAD's Facebook regularly for updates.

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