

## 2025 LAD Fair Rules & Information

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

### RULES

1. LAD member submitting entries must be a *current* member of LAD. **To join LAD, visit the LAD website ([www.ladfair.com](http://www.ladfair.com)) to complete the most current membership form and pay membership dues.** LAD member must join before or on Sort Day, March 28, 2025.  
\*Deadline for members paying with a school purchase order or invoice is March 3, 2025.
2. 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.
3. Complete a **2025** 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.
4. 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.
5. Written entries must be original works produced by the student.
6. **IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION:** ALL mailed writing and art entries must be postmarked by March 14, 2025.  
Mail entries to Casey Daugherty  
LAD Entries  
Republic High School, 4370 Repmo Drive  
Republic, MO 65738.  
  
Any LAD member who is going to deliver entries in person must bring them on Friday, March 28, 2025 to Republic 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.
7. **NEW!** ALL Art entries (categories 74-80) must be delivered on Sort Day, March 28, 2025. LAD member **must** set up her/his own entries for judging and **must pick them up by the end of Judging Day, March 29, 2025.**  
**REMINDER:** Each art entry **must** have a card attached explaining relationship of art to literature.
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 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. It is vigorously suggested that any LAD member submitting 25 or more entries volunteer for at least one LAD event (Sort Day, Judging Day, Setup Day, or Fair Day). Member submitting 50 or more entries should volunteer for at least two LAD events (Sort Day, Judging Day, Setup Day, LAD Fair Day). Thank you for volunteering. It takes many people to make the fair a success.
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.** 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:** All art categories, including 79 & 80, are to be delivered on Sort Day, March 28.  
**NOTE:** Teachers are to pick up ALL art entries on Judging Day, March 29. Winning entries will be photographed for display at the LAD Fair, April 26, 2025.
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 a LAD member. Students are encouraged to invite family and friends to the Dance-A-Poem performance held the day of LAD Fair at Republic 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. 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 *writing* entries **AFTER** 11:00 a.m. on April 26. **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.  
  
**REMINDER:** All art entries are to be picked up on Judging Day, March 29. See Rule 7 for more information.
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, *prompt* and thoughtful about this; every student deserves his/her entry returned.
10. LAD is not responsible for lost or damaged entries.
11. **Important 2024-25 dates:**
  - Fall Meeting:** Thursday October 3, 2024, location & time TBA.
  - Winter Meeting:** Thursday, January 23, 2025, location & time TBA.
  - Purchase Order and Invoice Deadline:** Monday, March 3, 2025.
  - Postmark Deadline:** Friday, March 14, 2025. Mail entries to Casey Daugherty, LAD Entries, Republic High School, 4370 Repmo Drive, Republic MO 65738.
  - Entry Deadline:** Friday, March 28, 2025. Deliver entries in person to Republic High School, 4370 Repmo Drive, Republic, MO by 4:30 p.m.
  - Sort Day:** Friday, March 28, 2025, at Republic High School.
  - Judging Day:** Saturday, March 29, 2025, at Republic High School.
  - Setup Day:** Friday, April 25, 2025, at Republic High School.
  - LAD Fair Day:** Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Republic High School.
  - Summer Meeting:** Saturday, June 14, 2025, location & time TBA.

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

**Website: [ladfair.com](http://ladfair.com)**

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Southwest Missouri (LAD)**