Bozeman Teen Book Fest 2020
Writing Contest
Call for Entries
Teen Writers: HONOR YOUR VOICE

All entries must be accompanied by the form below and must conform to the following guidelines to be considered:

What to Write: Write an original short story, personal essay, graphic novel or comic excerpt, poem or song lyrics that involves Honoring Your Voice in an integral way.

You can share a time when you honored your voice, when someone you admire did or how you imagine a character doing this. These writings can address big, bold examples of ways that you honor your voice. Alternately, your story can encompass quiet, subtle (yet important) ways that you do this. You do not have to approach this theme literally: sometimes, honoring your voice does not involve speaking. It can simply mean making the truest choices for yourself. It can mean NOT doing something.

Do your own, best, original work. (Having others read and give feedback on your drafts is encouraged. All the best writers do it!)

Format: typed, double-spaced, single sided, 12-point Times or Courier font, 1-inch margins all around. If your graphic novel or comic is hand-lettered, make sure it is legible.

Length: Grades 6-8: limit 5 pages | Grades 9-10: limit 6 pages | Grades 11-12: limit 7 pages

How to Enter: Submit printed entries to the Country Bookshelf (28 W. Main St.), the Children’s Desk at the Bozeman Public Library (626 E. Main St.) or your school library. Please keep a copy for yourself.

Deadline: Friday, March 13, 2020

Questions? Please ask! Call the Bozeman Public Library Children’s Desk at 582-2404 or email Kate Holloway, Teen Services Librarian: kholloway@bozeman.net

Your Name__________________________________________Age____ Grade____
Parent/Guardian Name__________________________________Your School_____________________
Parent/Guardian Phone______________________ & E-mail_________________________________
Title of Your Entry________________________________________

Entry is a (circle one): short story personal essay graphic novel/comic poem/lyrics

FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES. FILL OUT THIS FORM. ATTACH IT TO YOUR ENTRY. DUE March 13, 2020!

Each category will be judged separately by community judges. Writers and honorees will be contacted by March 27, 2020, and their names, age/grade, and entries may be posted on the webpage of the Bozeman Teen Book Fest. Winners are honorees will be recognized by Book Fest presenters on April 2nd during the Bozeman Teen Book Fest at the Bozeman Public Library. Winners will receive prizes from local business sponsors.

We are specifically looking for clean copy (i.e. correct spelling, following standard grammatical rules, etc., unless done for stylistic purposes), vivid, specific writing and a unique voice.