

Living & Learning Effective Writing Competition

Guidelines

The Effective Writing competition is to be held prior to the Winter State Convention each year. The guidelines for the competition are:

- 600-800 words in length
- Entry fee is \$5 or as indicated in the state bylaws/policies
- Five (5) copies of essay and cover page are to be submitted to the Living & Learning SPM
- Cover page to include: Your name, chapter, and a title for your essay
- Each is to be typed, double-spaced and printed on one side of paper only
- There is no limit to entries per chapter

Judging Criteria

All essays are evaluated based on the development of the theme as well as the content of the essay organization, originality and grammar.

Criteria	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Score	Comments
Development of Theme	20	16	12	8	4		
Content							
Organization	10	8	6	4	2		
Continuity of Ideas	10	8	6	4	2		
Clarity-Easy to understand	10	8	6	4	2		
Originality	20	16	12	8	4		
Overall Effectiveness	15	12	9	6	3		
Word Usage and Grammar	15	12	9	6	3		

TOTAL Possible: 100

Your Total: _____

Word County should be 600-800 words (-10 points for under or over)

Deduction: _____

Essay Length _____

Grand Total: _____