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# CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

## Theme

"How Has Nature Helped Me in This Time of Pandemic?"

## Prizes

### Students

Winning essays will be published in the SFWA Author's Voice newsletter

- 1st: \$750 in cash & prizes
- 2nd: \$500 in cash & prizes
- 3rd: \$250 in cash & prizes

### Teachers\*

- 1st: \$350 in cash
- 2nd: \$250 in cash
- 3rd: \$150 in cash

*\*When your class submits 5 essays, your school will be entered into a raffle to win a cash prize of \$500*

## Calling all 8th Graders!

### CONTEST RULES

Open to all 8th grade students in South Florida. One entry per student. Entries limited to a maximum of 500 words, 12-point font, typed. Word or PDF file format. Essays must be written in English. Essay format only. Entries must be received, online or postmarked, no later than **April 16, 2021**. The top 10 finalists and teachers will be invited to attend an awards ceremony. All essays will be reviewed by a 3-tier panel of judges based on the following criteria:

**Splendid Prose, Attention to Theme, Depth of Meaning, Depth of Expression, Originality, Genuineness of Voice, and Grammatical Correctness.**

ADDITIONAL DETAILS FOR ESSAY SUBMISSIONS CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.JUNIORORANGEBOWL.ORG](http://WWW.JUNIORORANGEBOWL.ORG)

JUNIOR ORANGE BOWL, CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST  
2525 PONCE DE LEON BLVD, SUITE 300, CORAL GABLES, FL 33134

**AWARDS CEREMONY**  
CORAL GABLES MUSEUM  
285 ARAGON AVENUE  
CORAL GABLES, FL 33134  
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021  
2:00- 4:00 PM  
OR  
LIVESTREAM  
TBA

SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY  
ONLINE TODAY!





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Name of Contestant

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School

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Grade

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Teacher

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Parent / Guardian Name

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Parent / Guardian Signature

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Parent E-mail

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Telephone

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The Junior Orange Bowl serves the South Florida community and the youth of the world by providing competitive, academic, and multicultural experiences.