

# LitSpot:HISD Category Descriptions and Submission Guidelines

## Writing:

For all writing categories, submit an MS Word document; use Arial font, 12-point size type. Include a title on the first page of your piece. If your submission is for the Academic Essay category, include the class and the prompt as your title. Do not use real names of other people within your work.

Include your **full name, your campus or work location, and your grade level or job title** on the **last page** of your document.

### Academic Essay

Submit nonfiction writing intended to answer a formal academic question in *any subject*. Think about your class FRQs, DBQs, or other writing prompts. Essays may answer a specific prompt or attempt persuasive, narrative, or expository explorations of any general topic. If you use sources, those sources must be cited according to the conventions of the discipline. If your essay answers a specific prompt, you must include the prompt and your class. (for example, AP Literature, AP Human Geo, IB Biology, etc.....)

Maximum word count: 1,000 words.

### Flash Fiction

Submit narrative writing which is identified by its brief length.

Maximum word count: 400 words

### Just for Fun

Submit writing which does not have to follow a specific form, but demonstrates an innovative original use of language - some examples can be original quotations, limericks, rhymes, sentences, jokes, or new "dictionary definitions" of common words, for example. Use the written word in bite-sized fun and creative ways.

Maximum word count: 50 words

## Personal Essay

Submit nonfiction writing which explores a topic or event of personal importance to the author.

Maximum word count: 1,000 words.

## Poetry

Submit writing in verse form; submissions may be intended either as written pieces only or to be performed as song lyrics or spoken word.

Poets may submit up to 3 poems for any one issue, with a maximum of 50 lines each.

## Script

Submit writing intended for performance, using dialogue, action, and stage direction to tell a fictional narrative.

Maximum word count: 1,000 words.

## Short Story

Submit fiction writing in prose narrative form.

Maximum word count: 5,000 words (if selected, stories will be excerpted for publication)

## **Art:**

### Ceramics & Glass

Submit up to 2 images of handcrafted objects made from ceramics or glass. Items must be made of ceramics or glass ONLY. Pieces which include other materials should be submitted into the mixed media category.

## Comics

Submit a pictorial narrative in sequence with or without text. You may submit a single panel or multiple panels. All work must be original. Ensure that any text is legible. Comics with illegible text will be rejected. Submit on a word document or a picture of the work.

## Digital Art

Submit computer-generated artwork, or artwork manipulated in digital form so as to create an original image. Pay particular attention to copyright rules. Submissions found in violation of copyright will be rejected automatically.

## Drawing & Illustration

Submit up to 2 images of art on a 2-D surface made with a manual or mechanical instrument. Examples include pencil, crayon, marker, etc. All drawings must be original works.

## Mixed Media

Submit up to 2 images of 3-D art made from more than one medium.

## Painting

Submit up to 2 images of art created by applying pigment to a 2-D surface.

## Printmaking

Submit up to 2 images of art made by transferring ink from one surface to another surface.

## Small-scale Sculpture

Submit up to 2 images of 3-D objects created by carving, casting, or shaping techniques. All submissions must be small-scale objects.