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Please E-mail Submissions To:

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We prefer that you submit by e-mail
but if you must use US Mail, please send to:

Call for Valley Voice
SV 24 Heritage Alliance
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13th CALL FOR VALLEY VOICES! ~ Continuing our mission to cultivate and inspire writers!

The Solomon Valley Hwy 24 Heritage Alliance invites writers of or about Northwest & North Central Kansas to submit work for this annual call initiated in 2005. Our continued challenge for *Valley Voices!* is to solicit well written, fresh writing. Our panel of judges includes an experienced group of notable Kansas writers.

Deadline: November 1, 2017

Incentive:

- Awards will be announced in January, 2018 at the Solomon Valley Hwy 24 Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting.
- Selected work will be published in the *Solomon Valley Anthology* during 2018.
- Winning entries will be published on our web site at www.hwy24.org

Submission Instructions

Cover Page

You must include a separate cover page with the following information:

1. Name
 2. Address
 3. City, State & Zip
 4. Phone#
 5. E-mail address
 6. Category of entry(s) as (described below) and, the title of your entry(s) -- "Youth" = 18 years old or younger
- POETRY Youth, or Adult -- Limit 3, each on a separate page; preferably, poems should have a left margin, not centered.
 - FICTION Youth, or Adult -- Limit 2; each limited to 10 pages or fewer and double spaced.
 - ESSAY Youth, or Adult -- *Limit 2; each must be limited to 10 pages or fewer and double spaced.
 - AUTOBIOGRAPHY Youth, or Adult -- *Limit 2; each must be limited to 10 pages or fewer and double spaced.

Examples: Poetry Youth – Title(s): Harvest Time, Fishing with Grandpa
Autobiography Adult – Title: My Grandmother's County Kitchen

Manuscripts

1. Do NOT use font type smaller than this: 12 pt -- Times New Roman *or equivalent* type or size.
2. Do NOT write your name on any submitted manuscript (only on your Cover Page)
3. Do NUMBER ALL pages
4. Do include the TITLE of your entry at the *top* of EACH page.

Additional Instructions

We prefer that you submit by **e-mail** to svhwy24alliance@gmail.com -- Your submission(s) should be "**attached**" in a Microsoft Word or Rich Text Format document. Please included a short cover note in your e-mail body stating that this is a Writing Contest submission. When naming your documents do so simply with your name and submission type, such as: *Ex. 1:* John Doe, Youth Poetry / *Ex. 2:* BJones, Adult Autbio. – IF you cannot submit by e-mail, we will make exceptions. See our US mailing address at the top of this page. Mailed submissions must be printed on printed on 8½ x 11 paper.

***More About Essays and Autobiographies** (be careful NOT to get these 2 different writing types mixed up!)

A. The **essay** category is for a composition about a **particular theme or subject other than a strictly family and / or personal experience**, but which may include personal points of view as well as analysis and interpretation. *The focus of the essay is a topic other than yourself*, although you may be involved in the story. An essay may be written in third-person form. An example might be "The Effects on Small Towns of the Loss of Rail Service" or "Closing the School" or "Losing a Hospital."

B. The **autobiography** category is for those **personal and family experiences in which the experience is on you, the writer**. It is a first-person perspective, something you share about your experiences, relationships, influences, feelings. An example might be "How Grandma Taught Me to Drive a Truck" or "The Best Teacher I Ever Had Never Went to School."