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Call for Valley Voice
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14th CALL FOR VALLEY VOICES! ~ *Continuing our mission to cultivate and inspire writers!*

2018 "Suggested Theme: [Traveling / Being a traveler. Experiences on or, along the road.](#)

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, 2018**

Incentive:

- Awards will be announced in January, 2019 at the Solomon Valley Hwy 24 Heritage Alliance Annual Meeting.
- Selected work will be published in the *Solomon Valley Anthology* during 2019.
- 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* / Personal Essay 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 10pt Verdana, 11pt Aerial, or 12pt Times New Roman
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

E-mail your submission(s) 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 submitting by US mail, see our address at the top of this page. Mailed submissions must be printed on 8½ x 11 paper.

***Read More About Submitting Essays on the Following Page...**

*More About Essays and Autobiographies

Be careful NOT to get these 2 different writing types mixed up!

- The **essay** category is for a composition about a **particular theme or subject *other than... not a 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.* 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.”
- The **autobiography / personal essay** category is for those ***personal and family experiences in which the experience is on / about 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.”