



The Susan Writing Award

The Susan Award is granting up to five \$1,000 scholarships to students who show outstanding promise and talent for creative writing. This annual award is given to honor the memory of Susan E. Mahoney's gift and passion for creative writing.

To apply for this award, high school seniors in the county schools or career centers of Coshocton, Muskingum, and Morgan counties are asked to submit two pieces of original writing samples, completed application, and goals as a writer by Friday, February 4, 2022, to Lori Snyder-Lowe at the Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center. Submissions may be mailed or emailed.

Samples may include, but are not limited to, fiction, non-fiction, prose, or poetry. Please do not submit an analysis of a literary work. The writing should express personal opinions and/or reflections upon experiences, beliefs, lessons learned, and may include previously submitted class work that has been re-typed and is void of teacher markings and corrections. Writing will be judged on clarity of expression, insightfulness, uniqueness of thought, and reflection of the writer's voice. All entries must be typed, double-spaced, and error-free in their presentation. Recipients of The Susan Award, their parents, and teacher will be recognized on the evening of Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at a student recognition event. Students receiving the award will be notified on or before March 1, 2022.

The Susan Award Writing Scholarship Application must contain the following:

1. Signature of your teacher, guidance counselor, or principal, verifying this is your original work. Applications submitted without a signature will be returned to the applicant.
2. Your goals as a writer.
3. Two pieces of original writing samples.
4. Applicants must disclose if their work has been posted on line and provide judges with the website address of their work. Students must also be able to prove the work is their own by teacher and parent verification

To be considered, you must be a full-time student from one of the following school districts: East Muskingum, Franklin, Maysville, Morgan, Ridgewood, River View, Tri-Valley, or West Muskingum Local Schools. Career Center seniors whose home district is one of the districts listed above may also apply.

If you have questions, contact Lori Snyder-Lowe, Muskingum Valley ESC, 740-452-4518, extension 1104 or email lori.lowe@mvesc.org.



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Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ High School _____

_____ School District _____

I am a senior (yes or no) _____

Home Phone number _____

Cell Phone number _____

The **two** writing samples that I am submitting are mine alone and not copied or paraphrased from any other source. I agree to have my name and picture in the newspaper if I should win this award. I also grant permission to the sponsors of the Susan Award to possibly print my work at a future time. _____ (Student Signature)

_____ (Consigned by parent/guardian if under 18)

_____ (this student) was/is in my _____ class. The enclosed writing samples reflect the quality of work that he/she submitted in my class.

Signed by a high school teacher who is familiar with your work*

Printed name of high school teacher

School where class is taught

This is the five-digit number which I made up and wrote in the corner of each page of my writing. I used this in the top right-hand corner instead of putting my name on my samples.

*If you are unable to obtain a signature due to the coronavirus pandemic, an email or letter from your teacher or other school representative will also be acceptable for 2021 submissions. *



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Five Digit Number: _____

My goals as a writer: (25-50 words) _____

Deadline for submission is Friday, February 4, 2022. Send your completed application and two original pieces of writing by one of the following:

1. Mail: Lori Snyder Lowe, Superintendent
 Muskingum Valley ESC
 205 North 7th Street
 Zanesville OH 43701

2. Scan and Email: lori.lowe@mvesc.org
 - *Submissions must be attached to the email. Please do not submit your works through Google Docs.*

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