



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, January 29, 2024**, to Shelley Tolliver 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 6, 2024**, at a student recognition event. Students receiving the award will be notified on or before *February 16, 2024*.

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. A headshot (attached separately)
4. Two pieces of original writing samples.
5. Applicants must disclose if their work has been posted online 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 Shelley Tolliver, Muskingum Valley ESC, 740-452-4518, extension 1153 or email shelley.tolliver@mvesc.org.



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I am a senior (yes or no) _____

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

High School _____ School District _____

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)

_____ (Cosigned 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 (not starting with a zero) 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.



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Five Digit Number: _____

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

Deadline for submission is **Friday, January 29, 2024**, Send your completed application and two original pieces of writing by one of the following:

1. Mail: Shelley Tolliver, Special Projects Coordinator
Muskingum Valley ESC
205 North 7th Street
Zanesville OH 43701
2. Scan and Email: shelley.tolliver@mvesc.org
 - *Submissions must be attached to the email. Please do not submit your works through Google Docs.*

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