

The New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)
Invites New Jersey students in Grades 9-12 to participate in
2025 NJCTE High School Writing Contest



“The AI Debate: Boosting or Blocking Student Creativity?”

Style Guides



Writing Contest Categories

Poetry (one poem, 50-line maximum)

Short Story (5-page maximum double-spaced)

Essay* (5-page maximum, double-spaced) – MUST RESPOND TO PROMPT BELOW

NJCTE wants you to grab this opportunity to reflect on the impact of AI on your personal writing style. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is changing the way we read, think, and write. What does this mean for your voice as a writer?

- Is AI allowing you to seek a balance between technology and your “human” writing?
- Does AI affect your unique voice? Is using AI making your writing less personal or more generic?
- What does “voice” mean to you as a writer? Is AI useful or problematic for young writers?
- Can AI help you find new ideas, organize your thoughts, expand your vocabulary, or express yourself more clearly?

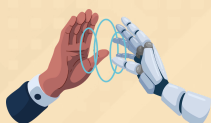


DEADLINE FRIDAY 1-9-26 11:59PM

Submit a poem, short story, or essay to the Annual NJCTE Writing Contest showing how AI affects your high school writing class. Use your writing to explore how AI has influenced you in developing a voice as a writer, whether positively or negatively. Only New Jersey high school students (public or private) are eligible to enter.

Tips to Avoid Disqualification:

1. Students may submit a **maximum of one entry** (i.e. one poem, one short story and one essay).
2. Teachers may submit up to **ten entries** for their students in each genre. Surplus entries will be disqualified in order of submission date.
3. The file submitted must be anonymous. Entries containing a student's name, school, or class within or on the document will not be eligible for consideration.



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Essay Link

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Poetry Link

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Short Story Link

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Awards

1st Place Gold Winners in poetry, short story and essay = \$150.00 prize money and certificate

2nd Place Silver Winners in poetry, short story and essay = \$ 75.00 prize money and certificate

3rd Place Bronze Winners in poetry, short story and essay = \$ 50.00 prize money and certificate