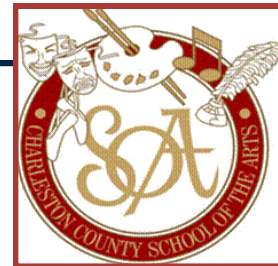


Choice Application for the 2021-2022 School Year

6th - 12th Grade Creative Writing Audition Requirements

Students must be passing all academic subjects to apply to SOA



Creative Writing—Virtual Audition

Dear Parents,

Please follow these instructions below regarding your child's creative writing audition:

Before:

- Double-check your child's audition time and ensure that you will be able to assist your child before and after the audition. Please allocate 90 minutes for the audition and subsequent uploading process.
- Have your child prepare a portfolio (2 poems and 1 short story) in a single document in advance of the audition and have it saved on your desktop and ready to upload immediately following the audition. Make sure that your child's first name only, grade applying for, and School Choice ID# (will be sent to you via email) appear on the first page of the portfolio.
- Please ensure that your student has internet access and a fully charged device that is able to accommodate video and audio for our Zoom audition.
- We strongly suggest that your child's audition take place in an environment in which they can fully focus.
- If your child has any documented accommodations that the Creative Writing faculty needs to know about, please let Sylvia Edwards, the SOA Admissions Coordinator, know well in advance of their audition time.

During:

- Please be sure your child logs into the Zoom audition ten minutes before the scheduled audition time (Once we begin the audition, we can't let any late-comers in).
- One of the adjudicators will check each student in and then introduce a writing prompt to be completed within an hour.
- This audition prompt must be written in a Google doc during the one hour audition.
- The student's first name only, grade applying for and audition number must appear on the first page of the audition prompt.
- The student is able to use a dictionary and thesaurus, but they must produce the work entirely on their own. No one else should suggest ideas or provide any help.

After:

- The Day-of audition writing prompt and portfolio must be uploaded via the Google submission process within 10 minutes after the audition ends. To ensure the validity of the audition process, we cannot accept any work submitted after this timeframe.
- Double-check to see that the student's first name only and audition number is on their prompt and portfolio.
- Build your child up and encourage their love of writing, no matter the outcome of the audition. Typically we have 150-200 applicants for only a handful of open seats, and for this reason, we are unable to admit some students who are passionate about and dedicated to writing. We do hope your child continues to write regardless of admittance to our program, as it is always enriching to a young person's life.

Please click on this appropriate grade level Google Form Link below after the Zoom audition to upload your portfolio and writing prompt.

[6th Grade Google Form Link](#)

[7th Grade Google Form Link](#)

[8th Grade Google Form Link](#)

[9th Grade Google Form Link](#)

[10th Grade Google Form Link](#)

[11th Grade Google Form Link](#)

[12th Grade Google Form Link](#)

Please click on the Zoom link for the audition date and time you scheduled for your child.

[March 6, 2021 from 9:00—10:30 am](#) Passcode is kG07i3

[March 6, 2021 from 10:30 am—12:00 pm](#) Passcode is eGmu14

[March 8, 2021 from 9:00—10:30 am](#) Passcode is 6wxsS1

[March 8, 2021 from 2:00—3:30 pm](#) Passcode is eGmu14

[March 8, 2021 from 5:30—7:00 pm](#) Passcode is 1efLjC

Should you have any questions about the process, please contact Sylvia Edwards, our Admissions Coordinator, at Sylvia_Edwards@charleston.k12.sc.us. Thank you for applying!