The Phyliss J. McCarthy Scholarship for Excellence in Writing

Scholarship Contest Rules & Details:

1. One entry per student.

2. Submission must be the student's original work and not published elsewhere.

3. Entrants must be current* high school juniors or seniors able to verify their grade level status. (*Rising juniors for the 2020-2021 school year may also apply.)

4. US and international students may apply. Please note that the scholarship award will be delivered digitally in US dollars.

5. Submissions must be in English but may include short bits of other languages as a part of a story.

6. The judgement of contest winners is final.

7. Submissions must be under 3000 words and address only one of the given prompts for 2020.

Entries will be accepted until July 23rd, 2020. On August 6th, 2020, a grand prize scholarship winner ($1,000) and two runners up ($50) will be announced, and (pending author approval) their stories will be featured on the Learncurious website and blog. Complete rules, details, and official submission form online at learncurious.com/scholarship.

Thank you for honoring Phyliss's love of the written word.

Best of luck!

2020 Prompts:

In 3000 words or fewer, respond to one of the following prompts:

- **NARRATIVE**: Tell a story about someone coping with loss or taking a leap of faith.
- **META**: Describe a major turning point in your evolution as a writer.
- **WACKY**: Complete the 20 Mad-Lib-style fill-in-the-blanks below, then craft a story that includes each of your chosen words at least once.

| Singular noun | Item found on a nature hike | Positive personality trait | Action verb | Number between 1934-2019 | Color | Type of food | Plural noun | Location | Animal | Verb ending in -ing | Mode of transportation | Plural noun that ends with an apostrophe | TV show | Adverb | Random word you like the sound of | Contraction | Article of clothing | Adjective | Something comforting |