

# SAROYAN



## WRITING CONTEST 2018

Presented by the William Saroyan Society in association with Fresno County Public Library and the Fresno County Office of Education

# Students

1st through 12th grades

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.

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| <b>1st place \$100</b> EACH | <b>5 DIVISIONS</b> |
| <b>2nd place \$75</b> EACH  |                    |
| <b>3rd place \$50</b> EACH  |                    |

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| Grades 1-2   |
| Grades 3-4   |
| Grades 5-6   |
| Grades 7-9   |
| Grades 10-12 |

**THEME: Mistakes**

William Saroyan once said, "Good people are good because they've come to wisdom from failure. We get very little wisdom from success." That follows from the Armenian proverb, "A man who has not made a mistake is a man who has not truly lived." In that spirit, write about a time in your life when you made a mistake. Explain what you learned from it. Has it changed you in any way?

**STORY LENGTH:** Judges will look for stories that do not exceed two pages. In NO case should a story exceed three pages.

**CLASS PROJECTS:** Teachers who utilize this contest for class projects must screen the essays and submit only superior papers [the top 10%]. Essays must include the grade awarded and the teacher's signature.

**IDENTIFICATION:** Complete the form below and attach to entry.

**DEADLINE:** Entries must be received by Saturday, April 15, 2018, by 5pm [Library closing time].

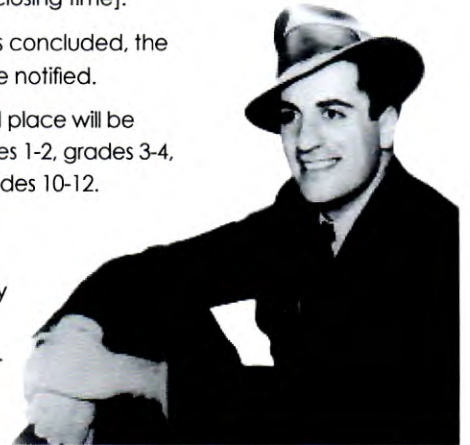
**NOTIFICATION:** When judging is concluded, the winners and their schools will be notified.

**AWARDS:** First, second and third place will be selected in each division: Grades 1-2, grades 3-4, grades 5-6, grades 7-9, and grades 10-12.

**AWARDS CEREMONY:**

Prizes will be awarded at Woodward Park Regional Library 944 E. Perrin Ave., Fresno Wednesday, May 23, at 5:30pm.

Additional information and flyers are available at [www.williamsaroyansociety.org](http://www.williamsaroyansociety.org)



Mail entry to: Nance Espinosa at Fresno County Public Library, 2420 Mariposa St., Fresno CA 93721  
Please type or print information legibly and attach to back of entry.

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| name           | phone          |         |
| street address | city/state/zip |         |
| email address  | grade          | teacher |
| school name    | school phone   |         |
| street address | city/state/zip |         |

My story can be published or read on radio:  YES  NO

Student with special needs:  YES  NO

