

# SAROYAN



## WRITING CONTEST 2019

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.

<b>1st place \$100</b> EACH	<b>5 DIVISIONS</b> Grades 1-2 Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-9 Grades 10-12
<b>2nd place \$75</b> EACH	
<b>3rd place \$50</b> EACH	

**THEME: Important Places**

Places are central to William Saroyan's writing, often as significant to his stories as the characters. Saroyan reflected on the importance of places saying, "Places make us – let's not imagine that once we're here anything else does. First genes, then places..." Write about a place that is important to you. How has that place contributed to who you are now and/or your plans for the future?

**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 Monday, April 15, 2019, by 5pm [Library closing time].

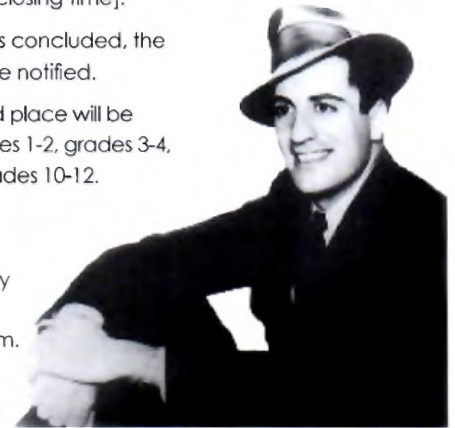
**NOTIFICATION:** When judging is concluded, the winners and their schools will be notified.

**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 15, at 5:30pm.

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



Submit entry by mail to William Saroyan Society, P.O. Box 4606, Fresno, CA 93744-4606 or by email to [WilliamSaroyanSociety@gmail.com](mailto:WilliamSaroyanSociety@gmail.com). Include completed entry form and story submission.

name _____	phone _____
street address _____	city/state/zip _____
email address _____	grade _____ teacher & teacher email _____
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

