

Enter your best writing in the  
**2024 Larry Kruse Memorial Writing Contest!**  
**[www.nicc.edu/writingcontest](http://www.nicc.edu/writingcontest)**

**DEADLINE:** Wednesday, **March 27th** by 11:59 p.m.

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The Writing Contest is a great way to showcase your writing skills! Enter your best writing composed during the current academic year for a chance to win! A total of \$1500 in NICC scholarships will be awarded to six winners:

1st place - \$300 NICC scholarship

2nd place - \$200 NICC scholarship

CATEGORIES:

- **1. SHORT nonfiction essays** - up to 1100 words (about 4 pages)
- **2. LONG nonfiction essays** - 1101-3000 words (5-10 pages)
- **3. FICTION** - up to 3000 words (up to 10 pages)

The Northeast Iowa Community College writing contest is open to all currently enrolled students, district-wide. First and second place winners in each category will be chosen by independent judges. The Financial Aid office will disperse scholarship funds. Winners will be announced by the end of the Spring 2024 semester.

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RULES:

*One entry is allowed per student, in only one category.* Submit your best writing composed during the 2023-24 academic year. Your entry may have been written for an NICC class, or it may have been written outside of class. It may not have been submitted to a previous NICC writing contest.

No real names may appear anywhere in your entry. Judging is done anonymously, so your name should NOT be on your submission. If your writing mentions real people, use pseudonyms. The word choice and content of your entry must be work-safe and grandma-friendly!

Fix any editing errors before entering the writing contest. It's fine if you previously received help through the Learning Center (or Upswing). Contest organizers may help with technical or formatting questions, but they cannot help you revise your entry for submission.

*Originality.* The writing must be completely original and your own work. *Plagiarism or AI generated content will be disqualified.* If you are entering a research paper, words or ideas from sources must be quoted and cited correctly.

*Formatting.* Your writing contest entry must use Word .docx or Google Docs format (not PDF). Center the title on the first page. The filename must match the title. Double space, and use an easily readable 11 or 12 point font (such as Arial or Times New Roman). Do not include a cover page or abstract. Any list of sources is *not* included in the word count, but you do need to include them when you enter the writing contest. Indent paragraphs, and use standard margins. Page numbers go in the document header or footer. You may upload your document or attach it from Google Drive. Enter the writing contest at the following link:

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