Please check with your institution for the local deadline.

Fall 2012: Each institution will promote the national contest, determine the due date for the local entries and arrange local judging.

January – April 2013: Each institution will collect and judge the local entries.

April 30, 2013: Campus coordinators forward local winning entries to national coordinator, Ken Weisner, English Department, De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014
E-mail: weisnerken@deanza.edu

June 14, 2013: All winners of the national competition will be announced. All of the winning entries will be published in the League for Innovation student literary journal.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY
Contestants must be fall 2012 or spring 2013 students enrolled for credit in a League for Innovation institution. Local coordinator must verify academic enrollment. Entries must be original works written during students’ enrollment in credit courses at the college. Each entry must have a signature of a sponsoring faculty member.

JUDGING
In each category, the judge is a nationally recognized writer. Judges’ decisions are final.

Poetry  •  Fiction  •  Essay  •  One-Act Play

AWARDS
Prize money distributed in each category:
1st Place: $500  •  2nd Place: $200  •  3rd Place: $100

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Coordinators submit winning local entries in TWO forms:
1. PRINTED: Typed hard copy, double-spaced on 8.5 x 11 inch white paper with your name/contact information.
2. DIGITAL: An electronic copy submitted by e-mail to weisnerken@deanza.edu.

A cover page for each entry must include:
— Author’s name
— Home address and phone number
— Institution
— Title of entry
— Author’s ID# (school acronym and genre, e.g. DAC-Fiction)

Include in the upper right corner of each entry page:
— Title of entry
— Author’s ID# (school acronym and genre, e.g. DAC-Fiction)
— Page number

Maximum Length Requirements:
— Poem must not exceed 67 lines.
— Personal essay must not exceed 2,500 words.
— One-act play must not exceed 3,500 words, including stage directions/production notes.
— Fiction must not exceed 3,500 words.

For more information or for an application see your instructor or the campus coordinator as listed below:

Campus Coordinator: ______________________________
Competition Deadline: _____________________________

“You...can re-create that fierce charge, for yourself and others, on a page, something written down that remains.”

— Adrienne Rich (1929-2012), “To invent what we desire”