

Letters About Literature

CONTEST DEADLINES: **December 2, 2016** Level 3

January 9, 2017 Levels 1 and 2

Date	Task
August 15, 2016	Participation confirmed by state sponsors. Complete the registration form and return to cgourley@verizon.net by this date.
September through November	Contest Promotion. Promotion can begin once the state centers receive the current entry guidelines. States may not change the content of the national guidelines but are encouraged to personalize their guidelines with supplemental materials.
November 1, 2016	State judges and state-level prizes confirmed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STATE JUDGES: Affiliates should send the names and pertinent titles of judges to Cathy Gourley (cgourley@verizon.net) for compilation to the master list. • STATE PRIZES: All participating affiliates, including self-managing, will submit to Cathy Gourley their specific LAL prizes, including specific amounts of cash awards and in-kind contributions. These two lists (judges and prizes) will be updated again in February and so need not be final.
December 2, 2016	Submission Deadline (postmark) for competition Level 3, grades 9 – 12
January 9, 2017	Submission Deadline (postmark) for competition Levels 1 & 2 (grades 4-8)
February 6 - 10, 2017	Letters mailed to states with March awards programs
March 6 – 10, 2017	Letters mailed to affiliates for state-level judging. .
April 10, 2017	State judging completed and first place winners' letters forwarded to Cathy Gourley for national judging. Affiliates should secure permission release forms for all their winners (including semi-finalists or honorable mentions <i>if</i> they intended to release their names to the press or upload them to the Internet.) State-level awards presentation/ programs may begin soon after the selection/ announcement of the state winners and will be dependent on each state center's schedule.
April 25 – May 2, 2017	National Judging. National winners will be selected no later than May 5.