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Dear Vermont High School,

We are announcing an exciting opportunity for your students—the **2021-2022 Vermont High School Writing Contest**.

Northern Vermont University and the League of Vermont Writers are co-sponsoring the contest, which will be open to any Vermont student between grades 9-12. The contest will kick off on September 1, 2021, with the deadline for entries on November 15, 2021, and announcements of winners by January 15, 2022.

NVU and the League conceived of the contest to stimulate talented young writers and to support the schools and teachers that they represent. NVU-Johnson has long offered a Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in creative writing and has added a new Bachelors of Arts degree in Professional Writing, Editing, and Publishing. The League, founded in 1929, is Vermont's oldest association of writers and has included many prominent Vermont authors in its 92 years of existence. These institutions can provide much-needed encouragement, assistance, and recognition for aspiring young writers.

The contest will have three categories: fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. There will be three distinguished judges for each category. Winners and runners-up in each category will have the opportunity to publish their work in the NVU's *Green Mountains Review* and the League's *League Lines*. They will also receive cash awards and will be granted a one-year membership in the League. In addition, a special event, held on the NVU campus in early 2022, will honor these students, and their schools, teachers, and families.

While the contest is still months away, we announce it now to begin the process of engaging schools and students. We want to spread the word as widely as possible, and hope that you will help us do that by sharing this announcement with the appropriate teachers and others in your school who may have interest.

Thank you for your time and interest. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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