

# SAROYAN



## WRITING CONTEST 2016

Presented by the William Saroyan Society in association with Fresno County Public Library and the Fresno County Office of Education

# Students

1st grade through college

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.

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

**THEME: The Joy of Laughter: How Laughter Has Made My Life Better.** William Saroyan had many great moments in his life. This is the time to share one of the greatest moments in your life. Some things to think about as you write your story: how and why was the moment so great? Describe the moment and how it affected you. Was it happy, heart-warming, exciting, inspiring, stimulating, electrifying, rewarding?

**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 the superior papers [the top 10%]. Essays must include the grade awarded and the teacher's signature.

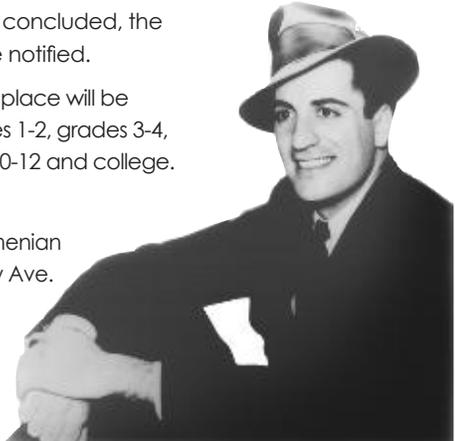
**IDENTIFICATION:** Complete the form below and attach to entry.

**DEADLINE:** Entries must be received by Monday, March 28, 2016 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, grades 10-12 and college.

**AWARDS CEREMONY:** Prizes will be awarded at the Armenian Museum of Fresno at 550 E. Shaw Ave. Thursday, April 28 at 5pm.



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

Mail entry to: Karen Coletti at Fresno County Public Library, 2420 Mariposa St., Fresno CA 93721  
Please type or print information legibly and attach to back of entry.

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My story can be published or read on radio:  YES  NO

Student with special needs:  YES  NO

