

**Mosaic 2022-2023**  
**Celebrating Diversity through Creative Writing**  
**Program Rules**

1. All participating schools must submit a completed School Participation form by the declared deadline.
2. All submissions must follow the Submission Guidelines. Failure to do so may result in the student's disqualification.
3. Any student who wishes to receive SSL hours must submit their permission form prior to approved activity, as per MCPS policy.
4. All submissions must be accompanied by the corresponding completed Student Participation Form; submitted according to the Submission Guidelines.
5. Schools may submit up to five (5) entries per grade level and one (1) per individual student. Entries will be submitted by the student's school, not the student.
6. All submissions must be online at [www.folmc.org](http://www.folmc.org) by the declared submission deadline. Failure to do so may result in the student's disqualification.
7. All entries will be subject to standard formatting (void of images, introductions, special fonts, etc.) as determined by the contest administrators.
8. The judging panel will evaluate each submission anonymously only knowing the student's grade level and entry type.
9. All entries will be scored according to a standard rubric determined by the contest administrators. The maximum score an entry may receive is 45 points.
10. Each entry will be reviewed and scored by no fewer than three judges.
11. Winning submissions are determined from the top score from each entry type for each grade level.
12. If there is a tie for the top score, the judges will complete a standard tie rubric to determine the winner. If the entries are still tied after a tie rubric has been completed, the students will be named co-winners.
13. Honorable mentions may be named in any category with multiple entries. If only one entry is submitted for an entry type for a grade level, the student will be awarded title of honorable mention if their work scores between 30-40 points; and will be awarded title of winner if their work receives between 40-45 points.
14. Participating students may not be related to FOLMC Staff or Board Members, contest Judges, or contest Administrators.
15. All questions regarding the contest should be directed to either FOLMC staff or MCPS contest coordinators at [mosaic@folmc.org](mailto:mosaic@folmc.org).
16. The contest administrators reserve the right to modify the Program Rules and Submission Guidelines as needed.