

**THE 34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TOM KEATING  
WRITING CONTEST RE-IMAGINED**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Indianapolis Press Club established this annual contest in 1986 as a tribute to former *Indianapolis Star* columnist Thomas R. Keating. The competition celebrates great storytelling across multiple genres. This year, because of the pandemic, the competition will take a different form because we cannot host an in-person competition over the course of two days. In our re-imagined competition, students are encouraged to submit their best published writing on the past year's most pressing topics: the pandemic, social justice, the election or campus news. Students can enter in multiple categories.

**SELECTION OF WINNERS**

A panel of professional journalists will select the winners. The judges will award \$1,000 to the top student journalist in each category. If the judges decide a runner-up story is worthy, a second-place award of \$500 may be presented.

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

Deadline for entries is Sunday, Nov. 8 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

Applicants must be full-time students, pursuing an undergraduate degree at an accredited Indiana college or university. Winners will be notified in December.

Students should submit **two entries** by email to [keating.entry@yahoo.com](mailto:keating.entry@yahoo.com)

The work must be published between Nov. 1, 2019 and Nov. 8, 2020. Each story should be no more than **1500 words** in length.

The subject line should have: **Contestant's last name & the category you are entering – pandemic, social justice, election or campus news**. Campus news includes: news, features or sports reporting.

Please make sure your name is on each submitted story as well as the publication date and that the entry is in at least a nine-point font when printed out on an 8½ by 11-inch paper. No double bylines will be considered. If you enter more than one category, please submit **two stories** per category.

When attaching your two stories to the email, they should be labeled accordingly:  
**[contestant's last name] – Story #1 and category and [contestant's last name] – Story #2 and category.**

Deadline for entries is Sunday, Nov. 8 at 11:59 p.m. EST. Emailed entries should be time-stamped accordingly. When considering what to enter, please keep in mind this is a writing competition and we are looking for **well-written** stories.

Please make sure you receive an automatic response, confirming that your entry was received. If you do NOT receive an automatic response, your entry was not received or was received past the 11:59 p.m. deadline.

**CATEGORIES:** Students may enter stories in more than one category but must enter **two stories** per category. Columns can be entered in the contest.

The categories, again, are:

Pandemic News  
Social Justice stories  
Election Stories  
Campus News (news, features or sports)

**Additional details are available at:** [www.indypressfoundation.org](http://www.indypressfoundation.org)

## **QUESTIONS**

Submit by email to: [jlabalme.indypress@att.net](mailto:jlabalme.indypress@att.net)