New York Life Award

Are you a creative teen in grades 7–12 who has experienced personal loss?

The New York Life Award offers scholarships to students whose creative works explore personal grief, loss, and bereavement.

**National Award:** $1,000  
**State Award:** $500

**Who:** All students in grades 7-12 (ages 13 and up) are eligible to participate.

**What:** This award is part of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the nation’s longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. The Awards encourage, publish, and grant scholarships to creative teens.

There are six national awards, and additional state scholarships are available to two students from each of the following states: Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, and New Mexico.

**Why:** Sharing your story can provide you with an outlet for expression and can support others who are grieving.

If you create any type of visual art or writing, we have a category for your submission!

Submissions open on September 12, 2019. Regional deadlines vary, and can be as early as December 1, 2019.

The New York Life Foundation supports programs that benefit young people, particularly in the areas of educational enhancement and childhood bereavement, and runs the Volunteers for Good program for New York Life employees, agents, and retirees. [newyorklifefoundation.org](http://newyorklifefoundation.org)

**How to Apply:**

1. **Create your work** that addresses the required theme—be sure to check out the guidelines. [artandwriting.org/nylife](http://artandwriting.org/nylife)
2. **Prepare a statement** on how your work explores this theme, in 50 words or more.
3. **Complete the application online** by your regional deadline.

**We Evaluate Work on . . .**

- **Originality**
- **Technical skill**
- **Emergence of a personal voice or vision**

**Don’t Forget to . . .**

- Look up your regional deadline [artandwriting.org/deadlines](http://artandwriting.org/deadlines)
- Find out which art or writing category best describes your work [artandwriting.org/categories](http://artandwriting.org/categories)
- Opt-in to the New York Life Award at the end of your application to the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and enter your personal statement.

[The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. Learn more at artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org)