New York Life Award

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

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:** Grief has touched many, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has had a disproportionate impact on Black, Hispanic, and Native communities. Open conversation about grief is more important than ever. Sharing your and your community’s experiences can help someone in a similar situation feel less alone.

Submissions open on September 1, 2020. Regional deadlines vary, and can be as early as December 1, 2020.

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

How to Apply:

1. **Create your work** that addresses the required theme—visit the website to learn more about grief and find activities to get you started. artandwriting.org/nylife
2. **Prepare a personal statement** that describes your experience with grief, and how your work relates to that experience, 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
- Find out which art or writing category best describes your work. 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