**National Sigma Kappa Delta**

**Writing Contest**

**Guidelines and Waiver Form**

**Submissions are accepted from active ΣΚΔ members only.\***

**Postmark Deadline for Writing Award Entries – November 15**

Sigma Kappa Delta sponsors a yearly writing competition for members currently enrolled in two‐year colleges. Winners are recognized at the national conference each year and receive monetary awards (First: $200, Second: $150, Third: $100) as well as the privilege of being published in our national literary journal, *Hedera helix*. We welcome entries in poetry, personal essay, short fiction, and literary analysis. Prose manuscripts should not exceed 2,500 words, and literary analyses should include no secondary sources. **Each member may submit up to three prose works and three poems.**

**Submission Guidelines:**

One electronic version of the entry must be emailed to skd@calhoun.edu. Each emailed submission must include an official waiver form (last page of this packet) digitally signed by the student and the sponsor. The guidelines for the electronic submission are spelled out below.

* The electronic version must be in .doc format (.pdf format will not be accepted). DO NOT identify yourself on any page of the submission.
* The Word Document electronic copy must be typed (Times New Roman/12 Font), double‐spaced with one‐inch margins.
* Literary analyses must follow the format and documentation style defined in the latest edition of MLA. A works cited page **must** be included in the submission. Since a literary analysis is a close reading of a work and not a research paper, **submissions using secondary sources will be disqualified.**
* DO NOT identify yourself in any way on any page of the submitted text.
* Each entry must be submitted as a separate email. For those individuals submitting multiple entries, only one waiver form is required as long as all entries are listed.
* Label the Subject Line of the email EXACTLY as noted: Year of Submission - Category of Submission - “Entry” / First and Last Name, College Name:
	+ 2016 Literary Analysis Entry / John Smith, Tarrant SE Campus
	+ 2017 Poetry Entry / Jane Jones, Darton State College
	+ 2018 Short Fiction Entry / Tom Brown, Univ of Wisc Rock County
	+ 2019 Personal Essay Entry / Anne Moore, College of the Canyons

Winners will be announced at the national convention. Entrants should attend the national convention to personally accept awards although attendance at the convention is not mandatory. Winners and other entries of merit will also be published in the national literary journal, *Hedera helix*.

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**\*Active ΣΚΔ members are defined as students currently enrolled in 100/200 level classes who are actively seeking an associate’s degree in the academic year in which the prize is awarded. Alumni members are not eligible.**

**Waiver Form for Sigma Kappa Delta**

**Students Submitting Works for Publication**

**in the Literary Journal *Hedera helix***

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, agree to allow Sigma Kappa Delta, the English Honor Society, to publish in its online and printed version of *Hedera helix* the literary work or works: (**Each member may submit up to three prose works and three poems.)**

[ ]  Poetry submission(s) titled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

[ ]  Personal essay submission(s) titled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

[ ]  Literary Analysis submission(s) titled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

[ ]  Short Fiction submission(s) titled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I warrant that no previous copyrighted publication of the work(s) has occurred and that I did not commit plagiarism. Further, I grant the editors of *Hedera helix* the right to edit my work for correctness and style.

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Sponsor’s Name Printed Here

**\*Sponsors, by electronically signing this form, you are validating that this student is an SKD member in good standing**. **ΣΚΔ members in good standing are defined as students currently enrolled in 100/200 level classes who are actively seeking an associate’s degree in the academic year in which the prize is awarded. Alumni members are not eligible.**