



# Perfect Love Letter Contest

## "To Foster the Art of Fine Letter Writing"

### Contest Rules

In 250 words or less, write a love letter that would receive adamant approval and a knowing nod from Jane Austen.

#### Criteria:

1. Subject matter is LOVE. The letter can be directed to a loved one (sweetheart, family member, friend, etc.) or a cherished place or thing. Judging criteria will be based on creativity, heartfelt emotion, and true expression of love and appearance. The letter must be a contemporary original composition.
2. Winners will be chosen from each of the following categories:
  - Adult
  - High School Student
  - Junior High School Student
  - Middle School Student
3. Original letter must be handwritten and must be accompanied by a typewritten version. Additionally, a 12 point type Word document or PDF version must be sent electronically to [info@janeaustenfestival.org](mailto:info@janeaustenfestival.org). The words "Love Letter" and the entrant's name must appear in the subject line of the email transmission.
4. **Deadline: Submission must be received by Thursday, March 10, 4:00 p.m.**

Winning letters will be read at the Jane Austen Literary Festival on March 20. Winners will receive complimentary gifts. Letters will be posted on the Jane Austen Literary Festival Website, <http://www.janeaustenfestival.org>.



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## Submission Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Category (Please check one.):

Adult     High School     Junior High     Middle School

Name of school (if student): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish or county: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DISCLAIMER / RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED:**

By participating in the Jane Austen Literary Festival Perfect Love Letter Writing Contest, all participants grant the Jane Austen Literary Festival, its affiliates and assigns, the right to print, publish, broadcast, and use in any manner deemed appropriate worldwide, in any media now known or hereafter developed, including, without limitation, the World Wide Web, at any time(s), the participant's name and letter submission, for information, marketing and promotional purposes, without additional consideration or compensation beyond the contest prizes awarded. Participants further release the Jane Austen Literary Festival, its affiliates, and assigns from any and all liability, claims, or damages arising out of or relating to the participant's submission. All submissions become the property of the Jane Austen Literary Festival and will not be returned to the participant.

Participants should be careful not to submit any information which may be deemed private or confidential. Jane Austen Literary Festival will not be liable for any damages of any kind, arising from the submission and publication of contest entries.

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**RELEASE:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_(the author) warrant and guarantee my contest submission to the Jane Austen Literary Festival Perfect Love Letter Writing Contest is my original work, that I own the rights to the work, that the submission is not plagiarized and does not violate any copyright laws. I also warrant and guarantee my submission does not harm or defame the reputation of any other person and is not libelous. I accept all responsibility in connection with my submission. I release the Jane Austen Literary Festival, its affiliates, and assigns from any and all liability, claims, or damages arising out of or relating to submission. I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Jane Austen Literary Festival for any damages that may arise from the submission and publication.

If the author is a minor the author's parent or legal guardian must also sign this release. I have fully read the Disclaimer and Release and agree to be bound by the terms therein.

Author:

Parent:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

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Print name

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Signature

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Signature

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Date

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Date

Mail original letter, print copy, and submission form to:

**The Jane Austen Literary Festival**

P.O. Box 1105

Mandeville, LA 70470

Or hand deliver to:

Any branch of **St. Tammany Parish Library** (Attn. Nancy Little) (985) 626-4293

**WYES-TV/12 PBS** – 111 Veterans Blvd., Ste. 250 (504) 486-5511

**All submissions must be received by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 10.**