



# Kansas Authors Club: History & Opportunities

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**Basics:** Founded in Topeka in 1904, oldest writers group in U.S., now is a statewide organization with 7 districts

**Mission:** Welcomes all writers: creative, technical, academic or journalistic; encourages involvement, is affordable, and offers leadership opportunities

**Promotes/shares your writing** using printed seasonal newsletters, annual Yearbook, online & Facebook  
**2017 KAC Convention**, Oct. 13, 14 & 15, Coffeyville: links are online to program, speakers list, registration info, lodging information (save money by registering by Sept. 16)

<http://kansasauthorsclub.weebly.com/2017-kac-convention-information.html>

Annual **Adult Writing Contest** (open Apr. 1-Jun. 15 yearly), Prose & Poetry categories, with rules:

<http://kansasauthorsclub.weebly.com/2017-kac-literary-contest.html>

Annual **Youth Writing Contest** (open Apr. 1-Jun. 15 yearly) Prose & Poetry categories, with rules:

<http://kansasauthorsclub.weebly.com/2017-youth-writers-contest.html>

Annual **Karnowski Youth Poetry Contest**, with rules:

<http://kansasauthorsclub.weebly.com/2017-karnowski-youth-poetry-contest.html>

**Submit** all contest entries online: <https://kansasauthorsclub.submittable.com/submit>

**Winners** are published on the web site and in annual Yearbook. Results are archived online.

**Annual book awards:**

**J. Donald Coffin Book Award** guidelines:

<http://kansasauthorsclub.weebly.com/2017-j-donald-coffin-memorial-book-award.html>

**Nelson Poetry Book Award** guidelines:

<http://kansasauthorsclub.weebly.com/2017-nelson-poetry-award.html>

**Ferguson History Book Award** guidelines:

<http://kansasauthorsclub.weebly.com/2017-ferguson-kansas-history-book-award.html>

**"It Looks Like a Million" Book Award** guidelines:

<http://kansasauthorsclub.weebly.com/2017-looks-like-a-million-book-award.html>

**KAC Historical Calendar:** <http://www.kansasauthorsclub.stjamesday.com/historicalcalendar.html>

**History of KAC, 1904-2014**, in Digital and PDF versions:

<http://kansasauthorsclub.weebly.com/2017-ferguson-kansas-history-book-award.html>

**Member News:** <http://www.kansasauthorsclub.stjamesday.com/membernews2017.html>

**News for All Members:** <http://www.kansasauthorsclub.stjamesday.com/membernews2017.html>

**Speakers Bureau** registration form:

<http://www.kansasauthorsclub.stjamesday.com/speakersbureau.html>

**Members in Memoriam:** <http://www.kansasauthorsclub.stjamesday.com/inmemoriam.html>

**Writers in the Community:** <http://www.kansasauthorsclub.stjamesday.com/writersinthecommunity.html>

**District 1 News:** <http://www.kansasauthorsclub.stjamesday.com/District1/> w/ monthly meeting info +

**"The Artistic Conspiracy":** upcoming meetings on Mon., Aug. 28 & Wed., Sept. 13, TAG, west end of Fairlawn Plaza mall, 7 PM. We team pairs for Feb. TAG exhibit. Submission due by Sun., Jan. 28.

**KAC on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/KansasAuthorsClub/>

**Take-away:**

1. You are always welcome as a member of Kansas Authors Club
2. You have many ways to become involved
3. You can make friends and learn from fellow writers
4. You can enrich the experiences of readers and fellow writers
5. You can promote and share your own writing experiences digitally, in print and in person
6. You can become a part of the history of writing in Kansas

**Find this list, with active links (PDF), online:** <http://www.kansasauthorsclub.stjamesday.com/District1/>