

WordSmith Writing Olympics 2026 Final Results

Seventh Grade

120-Word Dash

- First Place: Lyda Mirdo, White Station Middle School
- Second Place: Esaie Marino, Westminster Academy
- Third Place: Camden Mason, Memphis University School
- Honorable Mention: Murphy Barnett, White Station Middle School
- Honorable Mention: Francesca Price, St. Agnes Academy

80-Word Dash

- First Place: Saniya Hayes, Colonial Middle School
- Second Place: Sophia Orman, St. Agnes Academy
- Third Place: Francesca Price, St. Agnes Academy
- Honorable Mention: Avianna Smith, Colonial Middle School
- Honorable Mention: Haven Berry, Westminster Academy

40-Word Dash

- First Place: Murphy Barnett, White Station Middle
- School Second Place: Lillian Hardison, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Third Place: Esaie Marino, Westminster Academy
- Honorable Mention: Hank Maki, St. George's Independent School
- Honorable Mention: Dillion Jones, St. Dominic School

400-Word Main Event

- First Place: Esaie Marino, Westminster Academy
- Second Place: Lyda Mirdo, White Station Middle School
- Third Place: Hank Maki, St. George's Independent School
- Honorable Mention: Sophia Orman, St. Agnes Academy
- Honorable Mention: Lillian Hardison, Lausanne Collegiate School

School Trophy Winners:

- First Place: White Station Middle School
- Second Place: Westminster Academy
- Third Place: St. Agnes Academy

Medalists:

- Gold: Esaie Marino, Westminster Academy

- Silver: Lyda Mirdo, White Station Middle School
- Bronze: Lillian Hardison, Lausanne Collegiate School; Hank Maki, St. George's Independent School; Murphy Barnett, White Station Middle School; Sophia Orman, St. Agnes Academy. (tie)

Eighth Grade

120-Word Dash

- First Place: Rishabh Bag, Memphis University School
- Second Place: Logan Jhadav, Westminster Academy
- Third Place: Eleanor Weems, St. Agnes Academy
- Honorable Mention: Draven Baggett, Colonial Middle School
- Honorable Mention: Harris Lucchesi, St. Dominic School

80-Word Dash

- First Place: Eli Perkins, St. George's High School
- Second Place: Draven Baggett, Colonial Middle School
- Third Place: Joley Turner, Westminster Academy
- Honorable Mention: Masato Blake, White Station Middle School
- Honorable Mention: Tamia Anderson, Colonial Middle School

40-Word Dash

- First Place: Devi Weber, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Second Place: Andrew Berger, Woodland Presbyterian School
- Third Place: Evie Monroe, Woodland Presbyterian School
- Honorable Mention: Rishabh Bag, Memphis University School
- Honorable Mention: Joley Turner, Westminster Academy

400-Word Main Event

- First Place: Joley Turner, Westminster Academy
- Second Place: Devi Weber, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Third Place: Rishabh Bag, Memphis University School
- Honorable Mention: Masato Blake, White Station Middle School
- Honorable Mention: Draven Baggett, Colonial Middle School

School Trophy Winners:

- First Place: Westminster Academy
- Second Place: Lausanne Collegiate School
- Third Place: Memphis University School

Medalists:

- Gold: Joley Turner, Westminster Academy
- Silver: Devi Weber, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Bronze: Rishabh Bag, Memphis University School

Ninth Grade

120-Word Dash

- First Place: Brandon Middlekauff, Houston High School
- Second Place: Penny Nate, St. Agnes Academy
- Third Place: Max Campbell, Collierville High School
- Honorable Mention: Charlie Hurt, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Honorable Mention: Maddie Gillentine, Westminster Academy

80-Word Dash

- First Place: Bryce Smith, East High School
- Second Place: Rowan Ellis, Collierville High School
- Third Place: Maddie Gillentine, Westminster Academy
- Honorable Mention: Lilly Adams, Westminster Academy
- Honorable Mention: Joy Fulmer, St. Benedict at Auburndale

40-Word Dash

- First Place: Penny Natera, St. Agnes Academy
- Second Place: Maddie Gillentine, Westminster Academy
- Third Place: Lilly Adams, Westminster Academy
- Honorable Mention: Oscar Simpson, University High School
- Honorable Mention: Joy Fulmer, St. Benedict at Auburndale

400-Word Main Event

- First Place: Maddie Gillentine, Westminster Academy
- Second Place: Bryce Smith, East High School
- Third Place: Oscar Simpson, University High School
- Honorable Mention: Charlie Hurt, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Honorable Mention: Rowan Ellis, Collierville High School

School Trophy Winners:

- First Place: Westminster Academy
- Second Place: East High School
- Third Place: St. Agnes Academy, Collierville High School (tie)

Medalists:

- Gold: Maddie Gillentine, Westminster Academy
- Silver: Bryce Smith, East High School
- Bronze: Penny Natera, St. Agnes Academy

Tenth Grade

120-Word Dash

- First Place: Seymour Shepard, Westminster Academy
- Second Place: Stella Hamilton, St. Mary's Episcopal School
- Third Place: Madison Skinner, White Station High School
- Honorable Mention: Stephanie Springer, Collierville High School
- Honorable Mention: Courtland Morris, Memphis University School

80-Word Dash

- First Place: Allison Hackett, White Station High School
- Second Place: Stella Hamilton, St. Mary's Episcopal School
- Third Place: Madison Skinner, White Station High School
- Honorable Mention: Melanie Zedler, Collierville High School
- Honorable Mention: Daphne Knopf, Lausanne Collegiate School

40-Word Dash

- First Place: Mary Kirksey Griffith, St. Mary's Episcopal School
- Second Place: Stella Hamilton, St. Mary's Episcopal School
- Third Place: Courtland Morris, Memphis University School
- Honorable Mention: Stephanie Springer, Collierville High School
- Honorable Mention: Madison Skinner, White Station High School

400-Word Main Event

- First Place: Daphne Knopf, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Second Place: Madison Skinner, White Station High School
- Third Place: Stella Hamilton, St. Mary's Episcopal School

- Honorable Mention: Seymour Shepard, Westminster Academy
- Honorable Mention: Allison Hackett, White Station High School

School Trophy Winners:

- First Place: White Station High School, St. Mary's Episcopal School
- Second Place: Lausanne Collegiate School
- Third Place: Westminster Academy

Medalists:

- Gold: Stella Hamilton, St. Mary's Episcopal School
- Silver: Madison Skinner, White Station High School
- Bronze: Daphne Knopf, Lausanne Collegiate School

Eleventh Grade

120-Word Dash

- First Place: Janani Prakash, Collierville High School
- Second Place: Harper Prescott, St. Mary's Episcopal School
- Third Place: Claire Parker, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Honorable Mention: Sophie Bryant, Houston High School
- Honorable Mention: Abi Andrews, East High School

80-Word Dash

- First Place: Janani Prakash, Collierville High School
- Second Place: Rainaa Bhupesh, White Station High School
- Third Place: Abi Andrews, East High School
- Honorable Mention: Ella Liu, Collierville High School
- Honorable Mention: Claire Parker, Lausanne Collegiate School

40-Word Dash

- First Place: Roland Starrett, Memphis University School
- Second Place: Asha Lyons, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Third Place: Abi Andrews, East High School
- Honorable Mention: Walker Atkinson, Memphis University School
- Honorable Mention: Rainaa Bhupesh, White Station High School

400-Word Main Event

- First Place: Claire Parker, Lausanne Collegiate School

- Second Place: Rainaa Bhupesh, White Station High School
- Third Place: Roland Starrett, Memphis University School
- Honorable Mention: Asha Lyons, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Honorable Mention: Ella Liu, Collierville High School

School Trophy Winners:

- First Place: Lausanne Collegiate School
- Second Place: Collierville High School
- Third Place: White Station High School

Medalists:

- Gold: Claire Parker, Lausanne Collegiate School
- Silver: Rainaa Bhupesh, White Station High School
- Bronze: Janani Prakash, Collierville High School

Twelfth Grade

120-Word Dash

- First Place: Aasritha Butti, White Station High School
- Second Place: Helen Yarbrough, Houston High School
- Third Place: Kathleen Ong-Halleron, Collierville High School
- Honorable Mention: Brianna Gibson, St. Benedict at Auburndale
- Honorable Mention: Amelia Miller, Lausanne Collegiate School

80-Word Dash

- First Place: Aasritha Butti, White Station High School
- Second Place: Mae Jones, East High School
- Third Place: Ellie Pritchard, Westminster Academy
- Honorable Mention: Kate Ashby, East High School
- Honorable Mention: Brady Ehrhart, Memphis University School

40-Word Dash

- First Place: Zac Cross, St. Benedict at Auburndale
- Second Place: Mae Jones, East High School
- Third Place: Helen Yarbrough, Houston High School
- Honorable Mention: Brady Ehrhart, Memphis University School
- Honorable Mention: Aasritha Butti, White Station High School

400-Word Main Event

- First Place: Kathleen Ong-Halleron, Collierville High School
- Second Place: Brady Ehrhart, Memphis University School
- Third Place: Mae Jones, East High School
- Honorable Mention: Helen Yarbrough, Houston High School
- Honorable Mention: Ellie Pritchard, Westminster Academy

School Trophy Winners:

- First Place: East High School
- Second Place: Collierville High School
- Third Place: White Station High School

Medalists:

- Gold: Mae Jones, East High School; Kathleen Ong-Halleron, Collierville (tie)
- Silver: Aasritha Butti, White Station High School
- Bronze: Helen Yarbrough, Houston High School