2018 Writing Competition Vocabulary

**All-Inclusive:** Including or covering everything. Nothing left out.

**Bantering:** Playful or witty conversation.

**Bleary:** When your eyes or vision are dim, blurry, or watery from great emotion or lack of sleep.

**Brooding:** Showing deep thought; reflective; showing worry.

**Burly:** A person who is large and strong; heavily built.

**Damndest:** Extraordinary; complete, the best.

**Fragmentary:** Consisting of small parts that are disconnected or incomplete.

**Frenzied:** Wildly excited, enthusiastic, uncontrolled, or emotional.

**Gangling:** Tall, thin, and awkward in movements or appearance.

**Gravity:** Seriousness.

**Owlish:** Like an owl, especially in acting or looking serious and smart.

**Pauper:** A very poor person.

**Perish:** To die; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to disappear.

**Plainly:** Clearly or directly.

**Pursed/Pursing:** To pucker or contract your lips, typically to express disapproval, irritation, or holding back something.

**Sheepishly:** Lacking self-confidence; Embarrassed or guilty from having done something wrong or foolish.

**Solemnly:** Serious, sincere, unsmiling.

**Tousled:** Messy, not neat, especially with hair.

**Tremulous:** Shaking or quivering slightly from nervousness or uncertainty.