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## **MORGAN COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM ANNOUNCES THE 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RAYMOND ANDREWS PRIZE**

### **Fifth year for local writing contest**

Madison, Georgia – The Morgan County African American Museum and its partners announce the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Raymond Andrews Prize for Creative Writing. High school students in Morgan County are eligible. The purpose of the contest is to build excitement for creative writing among area youth. Students may submit entries in fiction or creative non-fiction between February 9, 2024 and March 14, 2024. Winners will be announced in April of 2024. The top entries will be selected by a guest celebrity judge for cash prizes.

In 2023, the Morgan County African American Museum awarded \$700 in prizes to the top four finishers in the contest. Catherine Malcome, a freshman at Morgan County High School, earned the top prize. Other prizewinners include Sabrina Booker, Reese McPherson, and Samuel Easton.

John Holman (*Triangle Ray, Luminous Mysteries*), a professor of Creative Writing at Georgia State University, served as guest judge for the competition. His short fiction has appeared in *The New Yorker, Oxford American, Image*, as well as other journals and anthologies.

Raymond Andrews, the namesake for the prize, was born in the Plainview Community of Morgan County in 1934. He published three novels and four other books. Almost all of them are set in the fictional Muskhogean County, which is a stand-in for Morgan County. Andrews is a member of the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame. He passed away in 1991.

High school students living in Morgan County, Georgia, regardless of which high school those students attend, are eligible to compete. Also, students attending Morgan County High School, regardless of their home address, are eligible. For complete rules and eligibility please see the contest guidelines at the Morgan County African American Museum's website ([mcaam.org](http://mcaam.org)). Winners will read from their stories at a public event in May 2024.

For more information contact The Morgan County African American Museum or project coordinator, Jesse Freeman.