

25th Anniversary Contest

NEW - Writing Contest for Writers of ALL ages

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ENTRY FORM, RULES & “SUGGESTED” IDEAS

Full name: _____ Writer’s age: _____

Mailing address: _____

Box #/Apt#: _____ City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Which age group are you writing for:

Total number of entries enclosed: _____ (category: 5-10 years: _____ 11-18 years: _____)

Total number of drawings/images enclosed: _____ (category: 5-10 years: _____ 11-18 years: _____)

Email entries to: poetryinstitute@shaw.ca

Or mail to:

Canadian Poetry Institute Inc.

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320 Obed Avenue, Victoria BC V9A 1K4



DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2018

PRIZES

Cash Prizes, and the opportunity
to be published in our
25th Anniversary Edition(s)
of creative writing for children/youth!

(5-11 years) (12-18 years) (19+ years)
1st place \$200, 2nd place \$100, 3rd place \$50

*Only a limited number of entrants will be selected
to be published, and awarded the above prizes.*

*CALLING writers of all ages to submit entries **written** for children/youth aged 5-18
for our 25th anniversary edition(s) of creative writing. Entries must be fiction and your own original
work. You may submit to each age category, with separate entries (5-10 years; 11-18 years).*

Please see below for more details.

RULES

- *Writers of any age may submit entries/drawings*
- *(one entry per specific age group (5-10, 11-18) and different entries for each category.*
- *Typed entries, please use generic font, nothing fancy*
- *Entries may be short stories, poetry, nursery rhymes, etc. (fiction work only, must be original)*
- *Drawings must be BLACK & WHITE, scanned at 300-600dpi and emailed or mailed in on a USB stick*
- *one drawing per specific age group (5-10, 11-18); must be different drawings for each category*
- *Include "Entry form(s)" with work*
- *Entries for 5-10 age group (up to 500 words)*
- *Entries for 11-18 age group (up to 850 words)*
- *DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2018 (postmarked)*

"SUGGESTED" IDEAS

(You may also use your own idea)

If you are writing for 5 to 10-year-olds (500 words or less)

4-7 years, simple language, short sentences

8-10 Years, more complex language, longer sentences

- Current children's interests (princesses, fairies, parks, friends, family, vacations, games etc.)
- Should be short and sweet
- Write a story that ends with a positive note, lesson learned, a moral
- Start a story and include a child character to continue it, and go back and forth
- Write a story of when you were young, fictional characters, setting, etc.
- Think of a name, place, occupation and go from there
- Create new superheroes
- Develop your own fairytale, nursery rhyme
- Brainstorm ideas that would be appealing to children
- Take a common thing (everyday activity/event), make it extraordinary, as a child would view it
- Create a unique main character with one or two distinguishing traits (hair style, style of clothes, distinct walk; kind heart, love for adventure, or tendency to get into trouble)

If you are writing for 11 to 18-year-olds (850 words or less)

- Family themes (siblings, relationships, conflicts, togetherness)
- Road trips
- Time travel
- Short film script
- Coming of age (school, friends, activities (sports etc.))
- Purpose in life
- Acceptance (who you are, fictional)
- Life-changing moments
- Stories with a moral/lesson learned