



YOUNG WRITERS



CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST 2018

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Our aim is to encourage children to read, write and enjoy English.

WE SUPPORT CANADIAN SCHOOLS

Dear Head of English,

Now in its twenty-fourth year, the Poetry Institute's Creative Writing contest for young writers is getting started. Cash/book prizes will be awarded to schools and young writers in this contest, and certificates for Awards of Excellence. We hope you find the details of interest.

Teachers are invited to send in creative essays, short stories (no fan fiction), or poetry written by students. There are two age groups: 5-11 years and 12-18 years. The best work will be published in a high quality anthology. Contact us if you would like to receive a free copy of a previous anthology (as long as stocks last). Please feel free to have students send in work. All entries will be acknowledged.

Each entry can be up to **360 words** (MAXIMUM). A free book may be requested by schools that submit five or more entries. This must be requested prior to the publication release in November 2018. Please contact orders@youngwritersofcanada.ca to request your copy.

Every young writer whose work is accepted will receive a certificate of achievement. Writers whose work is not accepted will receive a bookmark gift for participating. Work is not returned so please keep a copy of your students' work. Judging and selecting work for publication will be the responsibility of the Young Writers editorial team.

You will find possible 'Writing Ideas' and contest requirements on the next page of this letter.

Student Prizes

There are also \$60 first prizes for the writers of the best work for each region and age group (5-8; 9-11; 12-15; 16-18); three \$25 prizes for runners-up for each region and age group (5-8; 9-11; 12-15; 16-18); and over 75 Award of Excellence certificates.

School prizes

A first prize of \$250 to the school sending in the best overall group of entries (for each age group 5-11; 12-18); three second prizes of \$50 and three third prizes of \$25 (for each age group 5-11; 12-18); and two bonus prizes: (25) copies of anthology for their classroom (1 age group only) with the most accepted entries; (10) copies of anthology for their classroom (1 age group only) with the second most accepted entries. All prizes will be awarded after the publication of the books.

Awarded as bonus prizes to the school that sends in the most acceptable entries is 25 copies of the published anthology in which their students' work appears (one title only); school with the second most accepted entries will receive 10 copies of the anthology in which their students' work appears (one title only).

If you would like further information please contact us at info@youngwritersofcanada.ca. Visit our website for testimonials from teachers, parents and writers www.youngwritersofcanada.ca We look forward to receiving your students' entries!

Best Wishes.

Wendy K. Burgess
Managing Editor

CONTEST DEADLINE

Postmarked by March 15, 2018

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SOME CREATIVE WRITING IDEAS



* **A MYSTERY OR ADVENTURE STORY**

A short story on any subject. It could include a spy or detective story, or a haunted house or horror story; alternatively, an adventure of an astronaut, explorer, etc.

* **MY FAVOURITE PET OR ANIMAL**

Your chance to write a piece about your pet or a particular animal that you like.

* **WHO I WOULD LIKE TO BE FOR ONE DAY**

Write a story about whoever you choose and what you would do as this person for just one day.

* **ABOUT MY BROTHER OR SISTER**

* **ONCE UPON A TIME**

Your own fairy tale, myth or legend, which can include unicorns, dragons & little people or, if you prefer, creatures, beasts or beings from your imagination.

* **READ ALL ABOUT IT**

Make up a newspaper headline and story on any subject or event real or imaginary.

* **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...**

Your chance to write a day in the life of any person or creature, real or imaginary, or even a day in the life of your role model.

* **THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE**

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

• **360 WORDS MAXIMUM**

- Completed **student** entry form must be stapled to the front of the work.
- Completed **school** entry form must be enclosed with each envelope of entries.
- Work should be no more than 360 words. (all work exceeding 360 words will be returned)
- Entries should be typed or neatly hand-written
- There are two age groups: 5-11 years and 12-18 years.

- One entry only per student (no limit to the number of entries per school).
- Students must be between 5 and 18 years of age at the time the piece of work is written.
- Young Writers whose work is accepted for publication will be notified by letter. Work submitted will not be returned, so please keep a copy. Students whose work is not accepted will receive a bookmark gift for participating.

HOW TO ENTER

Each piece of work must have a completed entry form. There must also be a school entry form enclosed with each envelope of entries. Entry forms may be photocopied, or downloaded from our website (www.youngwritersofcanada.ca).

The completed student entry form should be stapled to the top front of each student's work. Put all entries into an envelope with one completed school entry form and postmarked no later than **March 15, 2018**.

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