

KIDSWRITE 2019

CONTEST KIT

Benefits to Students

Each of the 26 students chosen by the judges receives recognition in the media, at their schools, and at an awards ceremony at the Prestige Inn in Salmon Arm on May 11, 2019.

Each student receives a small cash prize and a personalized journal to encourage future writing. These are presented at the awards ceremony after the students have an opportunity to share their poem or story.

All students who choose to enter the contest gain a sense of achievement and an understanding of the necessity of effort and editing to complete an entry on time, which are important skills for immersing writers.

Benefits to Teachers

Where appropriate, the contest can be an opportunity for creative writing projects to be honed for contest entries. In more than one survey students have said that recognition is one of the main reasons they enter the contest. "Better writing" is another.

Benefits to Parents

Parents can help their child with a passion for writing to enter. Gentle encouragement helps the young writer to take the story or poem to completion, make careful edits, and mail it in on time.

Benefits to Schools

Each school and teacher in School Districts #83 and #22 is given recognition for the number of entries.

Who Can Enter

All students 5-18 (at the end of 2019) in School District #83 & 22.

Four Age groups:

5 – 8

9 – 11

12 – 14

15 - 18

Submissions: no name any page of WRITING

Poetry:

All age groups One poem. One Page. No graphics.

Any style. Title at top

Plain white paper

Clear, plain font

Or clear hand-writing.

Story:

5 – 8

Maximum **500** words. No minimum.

Plain white paper, plain. Size 11 font

or clear writing. Double spaced

No graphics. Titles on all story pages.

Story:

9 – 11

Maximum **500** words. No minimum.

Plain white paper. Simple Size 11 font
or clear writing. Double spaced
No graphics. Titles on all story pages

Story:

12- 14 Maximum **700** words. No minimum.
Plain white paper. Simple Size 11 font
or clear writing. Double spaced
No graphics. Titles on all story pages.

Story:

15 – 18 Maximum **1000** words. No minimum.
Plain white paper. Simple Size 11 font
or clear writing. Double spaced
No graphics. Titles on all story pages

Haiku two age categories

6 – 10, 11-14

Use traditional 5 – 7 – 5 syllables in three lines.

Important: No Names on the stories or poems. Blind judging.

Cover pages are essential.

Each student can submit ONE STORY and ONE POEM and ONE HAIKU (of appropriate ages) but each must have a separate cover page.

Multiple entries (even a whole class) may be sent in one envelope but each must have a separate cover page.

Information on cover pages is kept confidential.

All entries in each category are given thoughtful consideration by two judges.

Cover Page Format

YEAR OF BIRTH

Name

(First, Last)

Story or Poem

(Indicate)

Title

(Helpful to judges if more than one word)

Note: Put title on each page of story

Phone

Email

(When available)

School or Home School

(When applicable, for recognition)

Teacher

(If work is teacher inspired, for recognition.)

A cover page is needed for each entry.

Contest opens January 2, 2019

Contest Deadline: Thursday, April 11, 2019

POSTMARKED

Notification of Winners:

Early May

Awards Day:

May 11

HOW TO ENTER:

Attach a cover page with required information to each story or poem. Note maximum word allowance.

Schools or individuals can send multiple entries in one envelope but each entry must have a cover page.

Check that story submissions do not exceed word counts.

Check that there are no names on the story or poem.

Print one side only, please.

MAIL TO:

Young Writers' Contest

Box 1134

Salmon Arm, BC

V1E4P3

No email entries.

Go to <http://www.shuswapassociationofwriters.ca/kidswrite-young-writers-contest>

For more details.

- Writing improvement suggestions
- Pictures from previous years
- Winners of 2018
- Explanation of Shuswap Association of Writers mandate
- Contact us

What are the Judges looking for?

The primary focus points are creativity, thoughtful use of words, compelling description, and originality. Though grammar and spelling are important, these can be fixed, creativity is the goal. Character names should differ from the author.

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