

Youth Writing Contest Frequently Asked Questions

Can I enter if I am younger than 8 or older than 12?

Sadly not. At this time, the writing contest is only for those between the ages of 8-12. However, if you are outside of this age group and you are interested in a writing contest, please let a library staff member know and we might be able to offer a future writing contest for different ages.

Can I enter if I want to write a script or a piece of poetry?

Absolutely. You can enter in any genre of writing.

How long should my submission be?

That is up to you, although we ask that you please not submit anything longer than 5,000 words.

What will be the prize(s)?

The prize will be a writing kit.



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What else is needed on my submission?

Please include your full name, a parent or guardian's name, a phone number you can be reached at, and your age. Please also include which prompt you wrote on.

When will I know if I've won?

We are aiming to notify winners during mid-April.

Will all of the submissions be judged together or will there be smaller categories?

This will be dependent on how many entries we receive. However, even if there is only one large category, we will take into account the age of the child during judging.

Can I enter more than one submission?

Please only enter one.



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How close to a picture prompt does my submission have to be?

You can write a piece that matches very closely to one of the picture prompts or one that is just inspired by it.

Do I have to write my submission based on a picture prompt?

For this contest, we do ask that your submission be inspired in some way by the picture prompts (though it can be loosely inspired).

Can I write on more than one prompt for a single submission?

Certainly!

If you have any other questions please email Crossings@lethlib.ca.