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## STUDENT POETRY AND SHORT-STORY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please complete this form, including school information, and staple it to each entry!  
 Each student may submit one poem and one short story only.

### Student Information (please print neatly):

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name or Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (Kindergarten-12) \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Information** (for Canada Post, **not email** – remember to include PO Box, rural route, or apartment number if needed):

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Poem: # of lines (**max. 32**) \_\_\_\_\_

Story: # of words (**max. 450**) \_\_\_\_\_

**Your entry will be disqualified if found to be over these limits.**

### School Information (required, even if entering on your own):

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Essays, non-fiction, and **fanfiction** pieces are **NOT permitted**. **Character names and story lines** must be **original** and **fictional**. All work will be checked for **plagiarism**. Be certain to use quotation marks and note the source in your work when using another writer's words (proper citation required). Credit as necessary below your poem/story title if your piece was *inspired by* another poem, story, video game, song, TV show, movie, etc.

Additional Comments (special needs, ESL, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (opt.) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to be added to your mailing list to be notified regarding contest results and upcoming contests.

**\*Privacy Policy:** Your privacy is important to us. The information provided here will be used solely for the purpose of this contest (i.e. to notify participants regarding contest results and the ensuing publication). No information will be sold or distributed.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Please write a short paragraph (approx. 30-60 words) about yourself in the third person (Example: "Susan J. Thomas was born in January 2000. She lives in Calgary, AB. Sue enjoys writing, baking cookies, and playing soccer. She loves her wonderful family and her dog, Zeus."). You may wish to include your birthday, where you were born or the city you live in, activities/sports you enjoy, interests/hobbies, favourites (book, colour, food, etc.), special talents, a quote that inspires you (including the person/source so we can verify it), etc. Please print as clearly as possible. If you are selected for publication, this information will appear in the "about the author" section of the anthology.

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Poetry deadline: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017!  
 Short-story deadline: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017!



# 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL STUDENT POETRY AND SHORT-STORY CONTEST INFORMATION

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## RULES:

- All work must be **original** and will be checked for plagiarism. Peer editing (same age or younger) is permitted, typing for younger students, and any corrections needed for legibility. No other editing should be done by older siblings/parents/teachers, etc. We prefer entries to be typed using a 12-pt Arial or plain font on 8.5" x 11" white paper.
- Entries should *not have been previously published* (including online postings).
- No simultaneous submissions. Please *do not submit the same entry to another contest or magazine for publication*.
- Poems must be **32 lines or less**. Short stories must be **450 words or less**.
- Each student *may submit one poem and/or one short story only*.
- Students may participate *with their school or on their own*, but a teacher contact and school information is still required. We recommend you also tell your teacher to expect mail from us in Jan/Feb 2018 (so it doesn't get discarded as junk mail).
- All entries must be accompanied by an entry form/reasonable facsimile, or submitted through our email form.**
- Any topic is welcome, though the reading audience (the student's peers) should be considered.
- Please *retain a copy of work entered* as it will not be returned once it is submitted.
- Poetry entries must be mailed (postmarked) or emailed on or before **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Short-story entries must be mailed (postmarked) or emailed on or before **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. (Sorry, we are no longer accepting faxes.)
- Entries may be sent by regular mail: Polar Expressions Publishing, PO Box 500 Stn Main, Maple Ridge BC V2X 3P2; or e-mail: [polarexpressions@shaw.ca](mailto:polarexpressions@shaw.ca) (please use the online email form found on the SUBMIT ONLINE page of our website, a reasonable typed facsimile, or a scanner/digital camera to attach entry forms).
- ESL and special-needs students* are always encouraged to participate. Tell us in the "additional comments" section of the entry form to be given special consideration.

## PRIZES:

- Almost **\$9,000** in prizes will be awarded in June 2018 when the completed books are released!
- There will be **\$600** in bonus prizes for participating schools, selected through a random draw, for each contest. Schools will receive *one bonus entry for each complete and original student entry*.
- Approximately *33-45% of entries* will be offered publication in a professionally printed and bound keepsake collection. This is an opportunity for students to receive recognition, relate to peers, and capture a moment in time.
- Students who make it through the first round will be mailed a *certificate of achievement*, a *letter of acceptance*, and an *author's release* to their home address (it's important to provide accurate mailing information). If they return the author's release with a parent/guardian's permission signature, their entry will then be typeset, and they will be published and move forward to the final round of competition to possibly win one of the merit-based prizes listed below.
- All first-, second-, and third-prize winners receive a free copy of the anthology and an *award certificate* with their prize.
- Schools that submit at least five complete entries to one contest or have a prize-winning student will automatically receive one complimentary copy of any collection containing their students' work for their library (we deduct plagiarized entries and successful students who don't return permission thereby withdrawing from the contest).
- All who enter receive a bookmark gift for participating*. There are no losers!
- Educators will be sent a letter in January (poetry) and February (short story) regarding their students' first-round results.

### Bonus Prizes for Contests:

First Prize – School  
\$300

Second Prize – School  
\$200

Third Prize – School  
\$100

### Merit Prizes for Contests:

	<u>First Prize</u>		<u>Second Prize</u>		<u>Third Prize</u>	
	<u>Student</u>	<u>Student's Educator</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Student's Educator</u>	<u>Student</u>	<u>Student's Educator</u>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
<b>Grade One</b>	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
<b>Grade Two</b>	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
<b>Grade Three</b>	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
<b>Grade Four</b>	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
<b>Grade Five</b>	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
<b>Grade Six</b>	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25
<b>Grade Seven</b>	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25
<b>Grade Eight</b>	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25
<b>Grade Nine</b>	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 30	\$ 30
<b>Grade Ten</b>	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 30	\$ 30
<b>Grade Eleven</b>	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 30	\$ 30
<b>Grade Twelve</b>	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 30	\$ 30

Thank you in advance for participating!  
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Win cash, get published, and receive national recognition!