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STUDENT POETRY AND SHORT-STORY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Please complete this form, including school information, and place it in front of your 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 _____

 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. Excerpts from longer pieces and co-written entries are discouraged but will be considered. **Character names and story lines must be original and fictional** (for example, you may not use Spider-Man, Pokémon, etc., and you shouldn't use the names of your people you know, including family/friends, without their permission). **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. Please visit our **Plagiarism/FAQs** website page.

Additional Comments (special needs, ESL, etc.): _____

E-mail _____ 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 enjoys writing, baking cookies, and playing soccer. Her favourite book is *The Hunger Games*. Sue hopes to become an author when she grows up. She loves her wonderful family and Bengal kitten."). You may wish to include activities/sports you enjoy, interests/hobbies, favourites (book, colour, food, etc.), goals, special talents, a quote that inspires you (including the person/source so we can verify it), places you have travelled, 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 27th, 2020!
 Short-story deadline: December 4th, 2020!



15th ANNUAL NATIONAL STUDENT POETRY AND SHORT-STORY CONTEST INFORMATION

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RULES:

- Please visit our **Plagiarism/FAQs** website page. All work must be **original** and will be checked for plagiarism. Peer editing (same age or younger), typing for younger students, and any corrections needed for legibility is permitted. No other editing should be done by older siblings/parents/teachers, etc.
- We prefer entries to be typed using an 11-pt to 12-pt **plain black font** (Arial, Times, etc.) 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 tell your teacher to expect mail from us in Jan/Feb 2020 (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 27, 2020**. Short-story entries must be mailed (postmarked) or emailed on or before **December 4, 2020**. (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 (please use the online email form found on the SUBMIT ONLINE page of our website to copy and paste into your email, a reasonable typed facsimile, or a scanner/digital camera to attach entry forms). Please do not provide entries as links, but rather copy and paste the work into the body of the email or attach a suitable file (.pdf or .doc).
- *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:

- Over **\$9,000** in prizes will be awarded in June 2021 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 by the date in the above-mentioned letter**, 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. Their school will receive a matching 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 late January/early February regarding their students' first-round results.

<u>Bonus Prizes for Contests:</u>	<u>First Prize – School</u> \$300	<u>Second Prize – School</u> \$200	<u>Third Prize – School</u> \$100
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<u>Merit Prizes for Contests:</u>	<u>First Prize</u>		<u>Second Prize</u>		<u>Third Prize</u>	
	<i>Student</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>School</i>
Kindergarten	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
Grade One	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
Grade Two	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
Grade Three	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
Grade Four	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20
Grade Five	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25
Grade Six	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25
Grade Seven	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25
Grade Eight	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 25	\$ 25
Grade Nine	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 30	\$ 30
Grade Ten	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 30	\$ 30
Grade Eleven	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 30	\$ 30
Grade Twelve	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 30	\$ 30

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