



## Young Writers Contest Details

This annual writing contest is open to all students of Peterborough and area secondary schools, including alternative and home-school secondary programs.

### Grade/Level Divisions

**Junior:** Grades 9 and 10

**Senior:** Grades 11 and 12

### Submission Guidelines

**Writers are strongly encouraged to seek the advice of a mentor such as a teacher, friend, parent and/or peer for feedback and editing guidance.**

- ✓ Writers may submit one entry in any or all of the the three contest categories outlined on the next page.
- ✓ All entries must have only **one author**.
- ✓ All entries must be **original** work.
- ✓ **All entries must:**
  - Be in a Microsoft Word document (.doc or .docx file)
  - Be double-spaced
  - Use Time New Roman 12-point font
  - **Have a title page** that contains the following (see "Sample Title Page" on page 3):
    - title, word count (not including the title page), contest category
    - writer's name, grade, school, teacher's name
    - Personal contact information: writer's full mailing address (including house or apartment # and postal code), phone number, email address
- ✓ Students must submit their work from their **personal email account** or **personalized school account** – teachers should not submit students' work.
- ✓ Entry in the contest indicates permission to publish on the website.
- ✓ Authors retain copyright.
- ✓ **Submit to:** [LLFSWC2024@gmail.com](mailto:LLFSWC2024@gmail.com)
- ✓ **This year's deadline: Monday, May 13, 2024 @ 11:59 PM**

**No entries will be accepted after 11:59 PM**

## Award & Publication

Winners in each category will receive **\$250.00, a commemorative plaque, and two free tickets** to the Festival author event: **2:00 Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>**, when they will be recognized and have time in conversation before the event with the two authors.

Winning entries will be published on the the Lakefield Literary Festival's website and will be included in the collected archive of winning entries.

## Contest Categories

### Prose

Length: 500-1000 words

#### **Fiction (any of the following forms):**

literary, science fiction, mystery, realistic narrative, historical fiction, humour, romance

#### **Creative Nonfiction (any of the following forms):**

journal, memoir, opinion or rant/diatribe, personal reflection, personal essay, personal narrative (or any dynamic combination of these types)

**Please, no formal essays or book reports.**

### Poetry (any form)

Length: No minimum-maximum; two pages, double-spaced

## Contest Coordinators

Teachers interested in learning more about the contest can contact one of the following coordinators:

Andrew Milner: [akcmilner@sympatico.ca](mailto:akcmilner@sympatico.ca)

Cynthia Rankin: [cynthia.rankin2017@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.rankin2017@gmail.com)

**SAMPLE TITLE PAGE**  
**(first page of your entry)**

TITLE: “When Stones Were Mine”  
(977 words)

CATEGORY: Junior Fiction

Zadie DeLillo  
Grade 10

Margaret Atwood Secondary School

Teacher: Ms. Shields

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