



NORTH SHORE WRITERS' ASSOCIATION
29th ANNUAL WRITING CONTEST SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Opens: JANUARY 15th, 2025
Deadline for Submissions: MARCH 15th, 11:59 PM, 2025

Entries for Canadian residents only, made by e-mail. Send e-mail entries as attachments to:
contest@nswriters.org *Entries must be received prior to 11:59 pm on March 15th, 2025.*

Original Material

Only unpublished and original entries will be accepted. Pieces published anywhere online, (including websites/blogs) in print, or have won in other contests will not be accepted. All submissions must not be generated/enhanced by A.I. or Chat GPT, resulting in an instant disqualification and ban. By entering, the contestant confirms that they haven't used AI tools to create their work. In poetry, two submissions are allowed per writer per one entry fee.

Simultaneous entries are accepted, please kindly withdraw if your piece is accepted elsewhere.

Categories, Word Count and Number of Entries

1. Fiction Maximum 2,000 words per entry
2. Non-Fiction Maximum 2,000 words per entry
3. Poetry One to two poems constitute one entry: to a maximum of 2,000 words
4. Writing for Children & Young Adults. **All genres.** Maximum of 2,000 words per entry.
5. Youth Two categories: written by 11yrs and under, written by 12–18-year-olds

Cost

\$10 *per entry* for North Shore Writers' Association members

\$15 *per entry* for non-members

\$5 *per entry* for youth (non-members get a free membership with \$5 entry, current members have one free entry)

Payment

Payment can be made by e-transfer to nswamembership@gmail.com (no security question).

Please note: email address for payment is not the same as the one for entries.

Payment can also be made by cheque to:

NSWA

P.O. Box 37549, Lonsdale East,

North Vancouver, BC. V7M 3L3

Prizes

Fiction First prize \$100, Second prize \$75, Third Prize \$50

Non-Fiction First prize \$100, Second prize \$75, Third Prize \$50

Poetry First prize \$100, Second prize \$75, Third Prize \$50

Writing for Children & Young Adults. One prize only for all genres—\$100

Youth Category 11years and under—\$75 12–18-year-olds—\$75

No more than one prize can be given to an entrant in one category.

Youth can submit to any category, judged alongside other ages. First Prize in each category is \$100, apart from Writing for Children and YA (one \$100 prize- in all genres) and Youth up to 11 years - \$75.00, 12 to 18 Prize - \$75.00

Second Prize in each category - \$75.00

Third Prize in each category - \$50.00

*Youth can submit to **any** category, judged with all the other entries. No more than one prize can be issued per entrant per category.*

Winner Announcements

Winners will be announced in April during North Shore Writers Festival and posted on the NSW website shortly afterwards. All winning entries will be published in the “Contest Winners Edition,” of the NSW newsletter.

Anonymous Judging in Effect

To ensure judges are unaware of the entrant’s identity, entrant information **must not** appear on any entries. Please provide required entrant information and format entries as described below.

Entrant Information

Please include your contact information in the body of the email, including:

- a) Name
- b) Mailing Address
- c) Phone number
- d) Category/Categories of Entries
- e) Title(s) of each entry
- f) Payment method (e-transfer or cheque)

Format of Entries

Entries **must** be made by e-mail. Send e-mail entries as attachments to: contest@nswriters.org

- Begin each entry on a separate page
- Letter sized (8 ½” x 11”) 1” margins on all sides
- Double spaced (single-spacing may be used for poetry)
- Times New Roman type face
- 12 pt. type size
- **Each page to have title and page number *only* to ensure blind judging**
- Word count at the bottom of last page

*Entries that do not meet these requirements **will** be rejected; no refund will be given.*