



Project Literacy

CENTRAL OKANAGAN SOCIETY
Learning Together

Short Story Competition

ENTRY FORM

Are you a seasoned short story writer? Or are you a talented writer waiting to be discovered? Project Literacy is now accepting submissions for our Short Story Competition. Submissions will be accepted in both a youth and adult category. Youth submissions are for writers 18 years of age and under. Adult submission is for those 19 years of age and older.

Submissions will be accepted from **Monday, November 1 to midnight Friday, December 17, 2021.**

Short Story title:

Date of submission:

Author's name:

Author's age:

Author's address:

Author's guardian

(if author is under 16)

Author's phone:

Author's email:

Total word count:

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

Remember to include the following in your submission package:

- A digital, PDF copy of your short story
- A completed entry form (one form for each title entered)

Each title entry consists of these two components, and distribution to the judging panel will not occur until all arrived at our office.

All material should be sent, via email, to: admin@projectliteracy.ca

Deadline: emailed submission must be received by midnight Friday, **December 17, 2021**

CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Submission must be an original fictional short story of any genre.
- All entries must be submitted by email and in PDF version.
- Youth submissions must be no longer than 750 words
- Adult submissions must be no longer than 1500 words
- Limit, two submissions per entrant.
- Notification of submission will be sent upon receipt. Please submit each entry only once. If a notification from Project Literacy is not received, please contact our office at 250-762-2163.
- The contest runs from Monday, November 1 to midnight Friday, December 17, 2021.
- The contest is open to all youth (18 years and younger) for the youth category
- The contest is open to adults (19 years and older) for the adult category
- All entries must be from residents living within the Okanagan Region.
- Submissions by authors under 16 years must have a parent/guardian signature.
- All entries must be in English. Only original works that have not been published (at the time of submission) in print, digital or online publications will be considered.
- All entries must be formatted to 8½ x 11. All manuscripts must be double-spaced. Entry files should not include name, address, and phone number in the upper left-hand corner of the first page since that information is collected on the submission form.
- BE SURE OF YOUR WORD COUNT! Entries exceeding the word limits will automatically be disqualified.
- Any entries that contain explicit language or implied sexuality, violence, stereotypes, or disrespectful content will be disqualified.
- Any entries received after the contest deadline date, will not be considered.
- The selection of winners by the Contest Judging Committee is final.
- Prizes are awarded for first and second place in both categories:
 - ❖ Adult category 1st Place: \$1000
 - ❖ Adult category 2nd Place: \$500
 - ❖ Youth category 1st Place: \$500

❖ Youth category 2nd Place: \$100

- Winners will be announced at the end of January 2022.
- Winners will be advised, **privately**, via email, prior to Sunday, January 23rd, 2022.
- Winners will be announced **publicly**, through our social media channels, Project Literacy's Spring Newsletter (March publication) and at an award ceremony held Sunday, January 23rd, 2022 – prior to Project Literacy's Radio Play performance (radio play tickets will be complimentary for short story winners).
- Winners must be willing to have their photo taken and published in the media, in the Project Literacy newsletter and on social media.
- All entrants retain ownership of publication rights to their story.
- Submitting an entry implies permission to print the winning entry in paper and electronically in promotions related to the contest. Beyond this permission, the ownership and copyright for any work is retained by the author.

GENERAL RELEASE

This general release is made on ____ day of _____, 2021.

I hereby agree to the rules and stipulations as outlined above by Project Literacy Okanagan Society.

Author's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature
(if author under 16 years)

Questions? Contact admin@projectliteracy.ca