



TeensWrite! Contest Rules – 2016

High School Students are invited to submit their finest creative writing to the *Teens Write!* contest, part of Kingston *WritersFest's* Kids & Teens Program.

- Students may submit a piece of writing in any genre: fiction, poetry, or creative non-fiction (essay or memoir). One entry per student.
- Each submission must be **no more than 750 words in length**. The text must include the following five words:

partial flutter brilliant contact inquisitive

Each word must be used at least once and can be modified according to tense and parts of speech such as inquire or inquiry. The words must be underlined in the final copy.

- The contest is open to students currently in grades 9 to12 with the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic and the Limestone District School Boards. Entries from grades 9 & 10 will be judged together and entries from grades 11 & 12 will be judged together by a panel of three local writers to come up with a short-list. A final judge, drawn from the visiting festival writers, will choose one winner and one finalist from each Category. The winner will be announced and prizes awarded to the winners during the International Marquee Event of Kingston *WritersFest* in 2016.
- Students wishing to compete must fill out an official entry form and have it signed by their parent or guardian (if under the age of 18).
- **Format:** Submissions must be printed on 8 ½ x 11 paper, one side only, double-spaced for prose, single-spaced for poetry and **must include a title. Do not put your name on the manuscript pages.** Submissions with names on them will be disqualified. **Please keep a digital copy of your finished piece as it may be needed later.** Entries will not be returned.
- Deadline for final submissions is **Wednesday, April 20, 2016. But you may submit entries at any time.**
- Students must submit the following to their school contact: Completed Entry Form which will form the cover page. Final draft of submission (with the five words underlined).

Students can also submit directly on-line by forwarding the entry to contest@kingstonwritersfest.ca.

- Entries will be judged by Kingston WritersFest. Prizes will be awarded on the basis of originality and the quality of writing. Prizes will be announced in 2016 but will be comparable to previous years.
- The four finalists will be notified by **June 10, 2016**.

Please see our website in 2016 for updates.

