



***TeensWrite!***  
**Contest Rules**  
***Deadline: Monday, April 23, 2018.***

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

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

**awe                  comfort                  detect                  natural                  relinquish**

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

3. The contest is open to students currently in grades 9 to 12 with the Algonquin & Lakeshore Catholic and Limestone District School Boards. Home-schooled students are also invited to submit entries as a pdf. via [www.kingstonwritersfest.ca](http://www.kingstonwritersfest.ca).

Entries from grades 9 & 10 will be judged together and entries from grades 11 & 12 will be judged together by a panel of two local writers. A final judge, drawn from the visiting festival writers, will choose one winner and one finalist from each division.

4. Students wishing to compete must fill out an official entry form and have it signed by their parent or guardian (if under age 18). By signing this form, entrants (or their parents/guardians) allow publication of their name, writing, and photo by *Kingston WritersFest*.
5. **Format:** Submissions must be printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, one side only, double-spaced for prose, single-spaced for poetry, with the **title of the work clearly indicated at the top of the page**. Your entry form is your cover page.  
**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.** Entries will not be returned.



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### **Contest Rules Continued:**

6. Deadline for submissions is **Monday, April 23, 2018**.
7. Students must submit the following to their English teacher or Teacher-Librarian:

Completed Contest Entry Form  
Titled Final draft

Students can also submit directly on-line by going to the Festival website for instructions: [www.kingstonwritersfest.ca](http://www.kingstonwritersfest.ca). Click on Festival, then click on Teens, then click on *TeensWrite!* Contest.

Late submissions will not be accepted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

8. Entries will be judged by *Kingston WritersFest*. Prizes will be awarded on the basis of originality and the quality of writing. All judging decisions are final. The senior winner will receive \$300., while the junior winner will receive \$200. Each finalist will receive a *Kindle e-reader*.

All winning writers will also receive free entry to a youth writing master class.

9. The four finalists will be notified by June 13, 2018.
  10. The winners will be announced and prizes awarded to all four finalists during the International Marquee Event at *Kingston WritersFest* 2018.
- For information about Festival Field Trip Events, TeensWrite! Master Classes and more, please go to [www.kingstonwritersfest.ca](http://www.kingstonwritersfest.ca) click on Festival, the click on Teens and follow the links.
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