



YOUNG WRITERS



POETRY CONTEST 2008

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Dear Head of English,

Now in its fifteenth year, the Poetry Institute's Young Writers Poetry Contest for 2008, elementary and secondary schools, is getting started. We hope you find the details of interest.

Many teachers use the contest as an English project in the classroom, to help develop the creative writing skills of their students. Students who send in a poem are acknowledged for their efforts. The best poems received will be published in a Canadian schools anthology of verse.

Cash prizes will be awarded to winning schools. Prizes will also be awarded to the best young writers when the contest is finalized. All students whose work is accepted for publication will receive a complimentary certificate of congratulations. Unused work will be returned to the school with a bookmark gift, awarded to the student for participating.

A computer will be awarded as a bonus prize, to the school that sends in the most acceptable entries.

Teachers are invited to send poems written by their students on any subject of their choice, or their teacher's choice. Poems should be of 24 lines (maximum) or less. There are two age groups: 7-12 years and 13-18 years. Submit as many entries as you wish, but only one entry per student. **Each entry must have a completed student entry form attached.**

If you would like a free copy of a previously published book of verse, please contact our office (as long as stocks last). You will find details of prizes and how to enter the contest on the back of this letter.

Deadline for mailing in entries is **November 7, 2008**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like further information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes

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