

## Annual Young Writers Creative Writing Contest – 2016

Details will be posted in the spring, however if you wish to enter earlier, you may do so with the information below.

Please note that you may enter individually and not with a school.

We are now accepting entries for our Annual Young Writers Creative Writing Contest for ages 5-18.

Theme is open, 360 words or less and one entry per writer. **DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2016**

**(postmarked)**. You may also submit your entry by e-mail to [info@youngwritersofcanada.ca](mailto:info@youngwritersofcanada.ca). If e-mailing your entry, please include the following information:

Name:

Age:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

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\_\_\_\_(Yes/No) if you wish to be contacted for future contests:

Title of entry:

If entering with a school, also include:

Teacher's name:

School (full name):

School address:

Bag/Box #:

City:

Province:

Postal code:

If mailing entries, please use the address below:

Young Writers Creative Writing 2016

PO Box 44169 – RPO Gorge

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## JESSAMY STURSBURG POETRY CONTEST FOR CANADIAN YOUTH

The League of Canadian Poets, a national not-for-profit poetry organization founded in 1966, invites Canadian youth to participate in its Jessamy Stursberg Poetry Contest for Canadian Youth.

Top three poems in both Junior and Senior categories will receive the following cash prizes:

**Winner: \$400**

**Second Place: \$350**

**Third Place: \$300**

All winning and honourable mention poems will be announced during National Youth Arts Week on POETS.ca and the winners will be featured on the LCP Blog ([poets.ca/blog](http://poets.ca/blog)) throughout the month of May. All winners will receive Jessamy Stursberg Poetry Contest for Youth Certificates and Student Membership in the League for one year.

**Deadline: January 15, 2016**

### GUIDELINES:

1. Incomplete submissions will not be considered, please read guidelines carefully
2. All submissions should be sent by e-mail to [readings@poets.ca](mailto:readings@poets.ca) with the subject **Jessamy Stursberg Contest**
3. There are two age categories: JUNIOR (grades 7 – 9) and SENIOR (grades 10 – 12)
4. Poems must be previously unpublished and must be student's own work
5. Length of each poem submitted must not exceed 50 lines. Limit 2 poems per poet.
6. Each submission should include in the body of the message the poet's **name, address, phone number, age, grade, name of school, and titles** of the poems submitted
7. Poems should be sent as attachments (**Word or PDF formats only**)
8. There is no fee to enter the contest.
9. Winners will be notified by mail mid-April. Winners will be announced during National Youth Arts Week. Announcement will be posted on the League's website and sent to various media outlets.

*Copyright will remain with the poet. Winners will be asked for first rights to publish their work. Should an entry be published elsewhere during the course of the contest, we ask that the entrant notify the League immediately. Revisions on any poem will not be accepted after it has been entered. All decisions of the jury are final. Contest is open to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants. Members of the League's National Council, staff or contest judges or their families are not eligible to enter the contest.*

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