



STRATHROY

Summer Youth Writing Challenge

Category & Divisional Rules

Poetry

Primary (Grades 1, 2, 3)

- Minimum of 3 lines
- Maximum 1 page

Intermediate (Grades 7, 8, 9)

- Minimum 5 lines
- Maximum 1 page

Junior (Grades 4, 5, 6)

- Minimum 3 lines
- Maximum 1 page

Senior (Grades 10, 11, 12)

- Minimum 5 lines
- Maximum 1 page

- All students may have creative freedom to display and format their poems how they choose (i.e using different types or colors of fonts, incorporating a visual design element) as long as it adheres to the page and line limits.

Personal Essay

Primary (Grades 1, 2, 3)

- Maximum 1 page

Intermediate (Grades 7, 8, 9)

- Maximum 2,500 words

Junior (Grades 4, 5, 6)

- Maximum 1 page

Senior (Grades 10, 11, 12)

- Maximum 3,500 words

- Typed/virtual essays should be in 12-point font.

Original Short Story

Primary (Grades 1, 2, 3)

- Maximum 500 words

Intermediate (Grades 7, 8, 9)

- Maximum 5,000 words

Junior (Grades 4, 5, 6)

- Maximum 1,000 words

Senior (Grades 10, 11, 12)

- Maximum 8,000 words

- Typed/virtual short stories should be in 12-point font.