

EWF WRITING COMPETITION 2012

FAQ

1. How do I enter the 2012 competition?

Print/type your story (1500 words maximum) or poem (75 lines maximum) and create a title page that states your category (see below), title of entry, name, address and email address. Do not include your name on the actual story or poem! The judges don't want to know who you are – yet! Send your entry to *EWf Writing Competition, Elora Arts Council, Box 668, Elora ON, N0B 1S0.*

2. Is there a theme for the contest?

Yes! This year's theme is "A Journey". What does that mean? Well, a better question would be, "What does that mean to you?" The answer to that question will be in your writing.

3. What are the categories for the contest?

There are four age categories:

Category	Who	Prizes (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd)	Entry Fee
1	Age 20+	\$200, \$100, \$75	\$15/each entry
2	Age 15-19	\$100, \$75, \$50	None
3	Age 12-14	\$75, \$50, \$25	None
4	Age 11 and under	\$50, \$30, \$25	None

4. Is there an entry fee?

Yes, but only for Category 1 (i.e. writers 20 years of age or older).

5. May I enter more than once?

Please do! Each entry requires its own title page (indicating the category, title of entry, writer's name, address and email address). Please note that Category 1 (age 20 and older) entries also require a \$15 entry fee for each separate entry. You can send multiple entries in one envelope.

6. When will the winners be announced and how will I hear if I've won?

The winners will be announced on Saturday, May 26, 2012 on the Elora Writers' Festival blogsite which you can find at <http://elorawritersfestival.blogspot.com>. The winners' names will be announced during the intermission of the Festival on Sunday, May 27, and any winners who are present will receive their prize then. Don't worry if you can't attend: your prize will be mailed to you.

7. Who will judge the competition?

The judges are selected for their writing and educational expertise. Many are professional writers, some are educators, and a few are both. The judges receive only the submission with its title; no information about the author is given to the judge. Information about judges will be posted on the blogsite in March.

8. Will the judges give me feedback on my submission?

Sorry, but no. The judges volunteer many hours of their time to carefully read and assess the entries. Some of them read hundreds of pages in order to determine the winner. They just don't have the time or resources to offer personal feedback to contestants. This is not peculiar to our competition alone: most writing competitions do not offer personal feedback either.

9. Where can I read the winning stories and poems?

In past years, the winners were published on the Elora Arts Council website. This year, there are no plans to publish the winning entries. If that policy changes, we will ask permission of winning writers individually. You are in no way obligated to agree, and your decision will in no way affect the outcome.

10. If I have a question about the contest, whom should I contact?

Send your questions to Jean Mills, Contest Chair at jrmills@rogers.com or by mail to the *Elora Arts Council, Box 668, Elora ON, N0B 1S0.*

