Independent Entrant's Guide

This is a handy guide to help you complete the writing activity for Young Writers' Annual Showcase!

ANNUAL SHOWCASE

All 4-18 year-olds are invited to take part in the Young Writers' Annual Showcase which celebrates all styles of writing up to 1,000 words!

By entering *Young Writers' Annual Showcase*, entrants have the chance to be published in a book and every entrant receives a bookmark to thank them for taking part. Writers selected for publication also receive a special Annual Showcase certificate.

Here are some ideas to inspire a new piece of work...

- Poem
- Story
- Play
- TV or Movie Script
- Essay
- Memoir
- Speech
- Song Lyrics
- Blog
- Letter
- Article
- Journal / Diary

Writing Tips

- Look at work you may have already written for fun or at school this year – you could enter that, or review it to see if you can improve it
- You have up to 1,000 words, but you don't have to write that much!
- If more than one idea to write about appeals to you, try writing more than one piece and then submit your best one
- You could write a series of poems on a theme such as animals, your favorite things – this could be rhyme, free verse, acrostics, haikus, etc
- Plan your story idea, then chapters, then get writing!
- Write something you'd like to read
- Have a look at the videos on Young Writers' YouTube channel for inspiration at @YoungWritersCW-USA
- Read the previous years' winners at our website

It's Easy To Take Part:

1. You need to write or type your entry (only one entry per person)
2. Ensure your name, age and address are included and your work is no more than 1,000 words
3. Email your entry to **contests@youngwritersusa.com** or upload it at **www.youngwritersusa.com/new-uploader**

Amazing Prizes

A winner in each age category will be chosen once the showcase is published in December 2025:

- **4-11 year-olds**
- **12-18 year-olds**

Each winner will receive **$100** and **a trophy**.



Closing Date: September 12, 2025

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