



Teachers are invited to encourage their students to participate in the 2025-2026

YOUNG AUTHORS AWARDS

PRIX JEUNES ÉCRIVAINS

Awards will be presented for the following divisions and categories in both English and French.

DIVISION	CATEGORIES
JK and SK	Short Story Poem Nonfiction (e.g. reflection or report)
Grades 1-2	Short Story Poem Nonfiction (e.g. reflection or report)
Grades 3-4	Short Story Poem Nonfiction (e.g. reflection or report)
Grades 5-6	Short Story Poem Play Nonfiction (e.g. reflection or report)
Grades 7-8	Short Story Poem Play Nonfiction (e.g. essay or report)
Grades 9-10	Short Story Poem Play Nonfiction (e.g. essay, article or report)
Grades 11-12	Short Story Poem Play Nonfiction (e.g. essay, article or report)

- No entry may exceed 3,000 words.
- There are three levels of competition: School, Unit and Provincial. First place winners at each level advance to the next level.
- One copy of each individual entry must be submitted, accompanied by an Entry Form, available from the OECTA Association Representative at your school. An authorizing classroom teacher must sign the Entry Form. Teachers must submit their classes' entries to the OECTA Association Representative by **February 13, 2026**.
- Each school may submit one entry per category and division to the Unit Level of competition. Winning school entries must be signed and submitted electronically by the authorizing OECTA Association Representative to the local unit office by **February 20, 2026**. Please note that this year we are asking for all entries to be submitted electronically.
- A photo of each of the provincial winners is requested for publication in a commemorative book.

Submit your students' writing to the contest through your OECTA School Association Representative with the completed Entry Form.