Contest Resource List

Canada

Martyn Godfrey Young Writers Award (National)
http://www.yabs.ab.ca/godfrey.html

Hazel Hutchins Invitational (National)
Short stories or poems. Open to ages 6 to 12. For more details, visit me online at http://www.telusplanet.net/public/hjhutch/home.html. Please enclose your name, mailing address, and age, and e-mail to hjhutch@telusplanet.net

Manitoba Writers' Guild Youth Writing Contest (National)
Fiction and nonfiction (to 1,500 words), poetry (to two poems per entry). For ages 13 to 18. Manitoba Writers' Guild Youth Writing Contest, 206-100 Arthur Street, Winnipeg, MB R3B 1H3, http://www.mbwriter.mb.ca/contests.html, e-mail info@mbwriter.mb.ca.

Hibernating with Words Poetry Contest. (National) For previously unpublished poems to 40 lines each by teens ages 14 to 19 and children age 13 and under. Teen entry fee $4.00 per poem; children $3.00 per poem. Submit three typed copies of the work. Place name, address, telephone number and/or e-mail address, and poem title in a covering letter only. Blind judging. No manuscript return. Hibernating with Words Poetry Contest, Pandora's Collective, Delamont Postal Outlet, P.O. Box 29118, 1950 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V6J 5C2, online http://www.pandorascollective.com/contest.html, e-mail pandorascollective@hotmail.com.

The Brucedale Press Acrostic Story Contest. (National) Entrants under the age of 18 must have a parent or responsible adult sign their entry form. Entry fee $5.00 per story, cheque or money order payable to The Brucedale Press. Submit two copies of each story, with an official entry form (available online or for SASE) attached to one copy. Blind judging. SASE for manuscript return. The Brucedale Press Acrostic Story
Contest, Box 2259, Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0, online
http://www.bmts.com/~brucedale/, e-mail brucedale@bmts.com

Dan Sullivan Memorial Poetry Contest (National) sponsored by the Writers' Circle of Durham Region. Categories: Children to age 12, and Youth ages 13 to 18. Entry fee $5.00, payable to the Writers' Circle of Durham Region. Mark category on poems and on mailing envelope. Blind judging. No manuscript return. Dan Sullivan Memorial Poetry Contest, c/o The Writers' Circle of Durham Region, P.O. Box 323, Ajax, ON L1S 3C5, online http://www.wcdr.org/dansullivanrules.html, e-mail walkwrite@sympatico.ca

Great Questions Essay Competition (National), sponsored by the Dominion Institute. For Canadian students who will graduate from high school in June 2005, university undergraduates, and Home School and IBL students all under age 21. To view previous winning essays click http://www.greatquestions.com/e/bulletin.html. For further information, visit http://www.greatquestions.com/e/index.html.

The Sheree Fitch Prize. (National) For ages 14 to 18. Entry fee $15.00. Blind judging. The Sheree Fitch Prize, Writers' Federation of New Brunswick Literary Competition, P.O. Box 37, Station A, Fredericton, NB E3B 4Y2, telephone (506) 459-7228, online http://www.umce.ca/wfnb/, e-mail wfnb@nb.aibn.com.

The Poetic Licence Contest for Canadian Youth. (National). Sponsored by The League of Canadian Poets Young Poets. Two age categories: Junior (grades 7 to 9) and Senior (grades 10 to 12). Read the official contest guidelines on The League of Canadian Poets' youth Web site at http://www.youngpoets.ca/contest/2005/.

Full Circle Poetry Competition. (Toronto Residents only). Ages 13 to 18. No entry fee. No e-mail
entries. Full Circle Poetry Competition, Lakeshore Arts, 2733 Lake Shore Blvd. West, Suite 214, Toronto, ON M8V 1G9, telephone (416) 201-7093, online http://www.scarborougharts.com/sac/programs/calls%20and%20entries/poetrycall05.htm, e-mail lakearts@web.net.

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Arts and Letters Awards. (Newfoundland Residents only). Ages 12 to 18. Prose (short story, essay, or dramatic script) to 5,000 words. No group work. Arts and Letters Awards, P.O. Box 1854, 3rd Floor, Room 309, Arts & Culture Centre, St. John's, NF A1C 5P9, telephone (709) 729-5253. Further details and application forms at http://www.gov.nf.ca/artsandletters/junior.htm, e-mail (enquiries only) rbest@gov.nf.ca

Cavendish Tourist Association Creative Writing Award for Young People. (PEI students only). Elementary, Junior, and Senior High short story or poetry to five pages on any topic. SASE for rules. No entry fee. Blind judging. SASE for manuscript return. Island Literary Awards, c/o PEI Council of the Arts, 115 Richmond Street, Charlottetown, PE C1A 1H7, telephone (902) 368-4410, fax (902) 368-4418.

Utmost Christian Poetry Contest. (Christians only). Ages under 21. Entry fee $15 per poem, cheque made payable to Utmost Christian Writers. SASE for winners list only (entries not returned). No e-mail entries. Utmost Christian Writers Poetry Contest, 121 Morin Maze, Edmonton, AB T6K 1V1, online http://www.utmostchristianwriters.com/poetry-contest/poetry-contest-rules.htm, e-mail nnharms@telusplanet.net.

The Claremont Review Annual Poetry and Fiction Contests. For ages 13 to 19. Entry fee $18.00 for one category and $20.00 for both includes a one-year subscription. Blind judging. Annual Poetry Contest, Editors, The Claremont Review, 4980 Wesley Road, Victoria,
Elora Writers’ Festival Writing Competition. Youth category for ages 13 to 18. No entry or reading fees for the first entry, $10 entry fee for subsequent entries. SASE for contest results. For details, contact Contest Chair Adrian Hoad-Reddick at hoad@hoadworks.com. 2005 EWF Writing Competition, P.O. Box 598, Elora, ON N0B1S0, online http://www.arts council.elora.on.ca/WW04/ewf2004.htm

The Canadian Aboriginal Youth Writing Challenge (For students of Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Inuit, and Métis), sponsored by Enbridge Inc. and the Dominion Institute. Ages 15 to 18. For a previously unpublished fictional story 800-1400 words based on an event tied to Canadian history and/or the participant’s ancestral Aboriginal history. No entry fee. For further details, visit http://www.dominion.ca/English/educational.html or telephone 1-866-701-1867. E-mail stories to staff@dominion.ca or mail to the address below. The Letter of Support must be mailed to Dominion Institute, 183 Bathurst Street, Suite 401, Toronto, ON M5T 2R7.

United States

Publish-A-Book Contest (National) Raintree Publishers P.O. Box 518 Milwaukee, WI. 53201-0518.

Guideposts Magazine – Contest (National) http://www.guideposts.com/young_writers_contest.asp

Promising Young Writers Program NCTE (National) http://www.ncte.org/student_awards/young.shtml

Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest (National) http://gpn.unl.edu/rainbow/contest/contest.asp


St. Lawrence University: Young Writers Competition (New York) http://web.stlawu.edu/admis/writers.html

Young Writers Contest! (New Mexico) http://www.southwestwriters.com/youngwriters.html
Young Writers Prelude Awards  
(Pittsburgh)  
http://trfn.clpgh.org/pal/YWPApage.html

Young Writers Award (West Virginia)  
http://www.shepherd.edu/englweb/youngwriters.htm