

2024 Marysville BookNest Writing Competition

Terms and Conditions

Promoter of the Competition

The competition will be promoted and operated by the Marysville BookNest Writing Competition Committee under the auspices of the Triangle Arts Group Inc (TAG).

Purpose of the Competition

The aim of the competition is to promote and encourage writing of fictional prose and poetry by authors of all ages, and to strengthen community connections in the Marysville Triangle and beyond, in line with the objectives of the Marysville BookNest (see <https://www.marysvillebooknest.com/about-us>).

Entry Period

Commences: 9am Monday, 20th May, 2024

Closes: 11:59pm Monday, 29th July, 2024

Competition details

The competition is made up of three (3) short story categories and one (1) poetry category.

Short Stories

- Open Age
1st Prize: \$300, 2nd Prize: \$200, 3rd Prize: \$100
- Young Writer (to 18 years of age)
3 prizes of \$100 each
- Triangle Junior Writer Category (Primary School Years)
3 prizes of \$50 each

Poetry

- Open Age
1st Prize: \$300, 2nd Prize: \$200, 3rd Prize: \$100

Selected entries in all categories may receive highly commended awards.

Monetary prizes will be distributed by EFT.

The Marysville BookNest Writing Competition Committee reserves the right, on the advice of the judges, or in the case of fewer than 5 entries in any category, to not award a prize in any category.

The competition may be modified, suspended, terminated or cancelled at any time at the discretion of the Marysville BookNest Writing Competition Committee.

Open Age Short Fiction Competition

- Open to writers of all ages who have a residence, live, work or study in Murrindindi Shire.
- Short fictional story up to 3,000 words.

Young Writers –Short Fiction Competition

- Open to writers who are 18 years or younger at the time of close of entries and live, work or study in Murrindindi Shire.
- Short fictional story up to 1,300 words.

Triangle Junior Writers Short Fiction Competition

- Open to writers who attend a primary school in the Marysville Triangle area or are of primary school age and live in the Marysville Triangle area in the year of the competition. The Triangle area is defined as the area bounded by and including the townships of Narbethong, Marysville, Buxton, and Taggerty.
- Short fictional story up to 500 words.

Open Age Poetry Competition

- Open to writers of all ages who have a residence, live, work or study in Murrindindi Shire.
- Poetry up to 40 lines.

Guidelines for Submitting Entries

1. Check any instructions and guidelines for submissions available at <https://www.marysvillebooknest.com/>.
2. By entering the competition, entrants accept these terms and conditions of entry outlined in this document and provide information that is correct.
3. No more than two written pieces can be submitted in any category.
4. A single entry will be judged in one category only.
5. Submit type-written electronic submissions in a common file format such as those generated by MS Word, Google, Open Office and Txt, or as PDF.
6. Submissions should use a common font of 12pt with double line spacing.
7. Submissions must provide all details required on an entry form (see website for entry form format). Each entry requires a separate entry form.
8. The body (the submitted story or poem) should not contain any personal identifying information. (To facilitate anonymous judging.)
9. In the case of entrants under the age of 18, entrants must provide parental or guardian consent for each entry. (See parental/ guardian consent section on entry form).

10. Submit your short story and the entry form as separate documents to the email address BookNestWritingComp@gmail.com.
11. Make the submission before the specified closing time and date.

Entrants should receive an acknowledgement response within 24 hours of making a submission. If an acknowledgement is not received within this time, the entrant should contact the Marysville BookNest using the mail link provided on the website <https://www.marysville.booknest.com/contact>.

Entrants or the parents or guardians of entrants under 18 years of age who do not wish to have the writer's name, location or other details published should include a written request for anonymous publication at the time of submission.

The Marysville BookNest accepts no responsibility for any incorrectly submitted, incomplete, late, lost or misdirected entries or for any technical malfunction of any communications network.

Members of the Marysville BookNest Competition Committee, members of the community involved in the judging process and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.

Conditions of Entry

For an entry to be deemed acceptable for judging, the entry must:

- a. be the original, previously unpublished (either in print or online) work of the entrant;
- b. not be partly or fully generated by AI;
- c. be unpublished at the time of submission and remain unpublished until after the winner is notified;
- d. not have won a monetary prize at any writing or literary competition at the specified closing time and date of the BookNest Writing competition;
- e. be submitted via the email address BookNestWritingComp@gmail.com within the entry period; and
- f. be submitted in an acceptable format within the required word limits (exclusive of title).

Entries will be deemed invalid and not accepted for judging if:

- a. the entrant provides false or misleading information on the entry form;
- b. the entrant has submitted more than two entries in any category (all entries in that category will be deemed invalid);
- c. the entrant is under 18 years of age and has not provided parental consent by the closing date of the competition; and
- d. the entry is considered by the Marysville BookNest Writing Competition Committee to be inappropriate, or likely to cause offense.

The Marysville BookNest has the right to publish any entries in electronic and printed media including third party publications. Published entries may be subject to editing by the publisher, or by third parties appointed by the Marysville BookNest Writing Competition Committee. Winning entries may not necessarily be published.

Judges will be appointed by the Marysville BookNest Writing Competition Committee. The competition will conduct a blind judging process. Writer's names and any identifying material will be removed before the judging process commences. Those involved in long list or short list judging will be unaware of the identity of entrants. The judges' decision will be final and binding, and no correspondence will be entered into with respect to individual entries, entrants and results.

The Marysville BookNest will not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever (including but not limited to direct or consequential loss) or any personal injury suffered or sustained in connection with the competition or the making of awards except for any liability that cannot be excluded by law.

Winner Announcement & Notification

The prize winners will be publicly announced at Marysville after a presentation ceremony to be held in the first week of November, 2024.

The prize winner(s) will be notified about two weeks prior to that by via email or phone. If a prize winner cannot be contacted over a period of 7 days, the prize may be withdrawn and awarded to another entry.

Prize winners' names will be published on the Marysville BookNest website, other websites, and may also be published in social media and in printed periodicals published in Murrindindi and elsewhere.

Prize winners will be given the opportunity to read their work at a presentation ceremony or other event. Winners may elect to have their work read by a nominated alternative or a member of the BookNest Committee.

The Marysville BookNest Writing Competition Committee reserves the right to request proof of identity, proof of residency and proof of entry validity, to confirm eligibility. Proof of identification, residency and entry considered suitable for verification is at the absolute discretion of the Marysville BookNest Writing Competition Committee. In the event that the eligibility of a prize winner cannot established the Marysville BookNest Writing Competition Committee may withdraw the prize in whole and no substitute prize will be offered.

Entrants that do not win prizes will not be notified. No feedback on any entry will be provided.

Privacy

1. Where a prize-winning entry is published, the author's name and area of residence (or school if applicable) may also be published by way of accreditation unless the author or the author's parent or guardian advises in writing that he/she or they do not wish to have the writer's name published.
2. Some information may also be used and disclosed in Marysville BookNest's promotions and projects. Personal information collected will not otherwise be disclosed unless permitted or required by law.
3. Marysville BookNest may store information on third party storage services operated by Google and Wix. Google's privacy policy is available at

<https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en-US> , Wix's privacy policy is available at <https://www.wix.com/about/privacy>.

4. Requests for access to and amendment or removal of personal information should be made to the Marysville BookNest (see <https://www.marysvillebooknest.com/contact>). Release and Indemnity

To the extent permitted by law, all entrants release from and indemnify the Marysville BookNest against all liability, cost, loss or expense arising out of acceptance of any prize(s) or participation in the competition including (but not limited to) loss of income, loss of opportunity, personal injury and damage to property, whether direct or consequential, foreseeable, due to some negligent act or omission or otherwise.

Intellectual Property

1. Entrants retain the intellectual property rights of all material submitted. However, the Marysville BookNest reserves the right to retain, display in exhibitions, publish, catalogue, sell copies and publish thumbnails of all entries in print, or on the Marysville BookNest website and other internet platforms.
2. By entering the competition, entrants authorise and confirm that permission has been obtained from authorised persons (including but not limited to copyright, trademark, patent and/or design owners and individuals depicted in any photographs or images) to publish the entries on the Marysville BookNest website, or use the material in marketing, in print and/or electronically.
3. By entering the competition, entrants indemnify the Marysville BookNest against all and any actions, claims or damages, arising from unauthorised use of the photographs (including but not limited to infringement of intellectual property rights) that may be taken by authorised persons.
4. Prize winner(s) may be asked to participate promotional activities relating to the competition, including but not limited to being interviewed and photographed. The prize winner(s) agree to grant Marysville BookNest a perpetual and non-exclusive licence to use such footage and photographs in all media worldwide.
5. Publication is at the discretion of the Marysville BookNest and entry that includes strong or inappropriate language or adult themes may not be published. Published works may be subject to editing to meet publication standards.