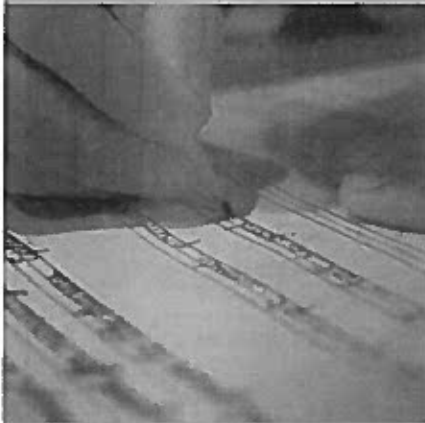


ENTRY FORM 2016-2017



YOUNG
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**THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO EACH ENTRY.
Please Print Clearly (except for authorizing signatures)**

Be sure to include an email address at which the teacher and school representative can be reached.

AUTHOR (print first and last name)

SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADDRESS

CITY

POSTAL CODE

SCHOOL TELEPHONE

SCHOOL FAX

PRINCIPAL (print first and last name)

EMAIL

TEACHER (print first and last name)

EMAIL

TEACHER'S AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE

LANGUAGE (check one) English French

DIVISIONS (check one) CATEGORIES (check one)

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
 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
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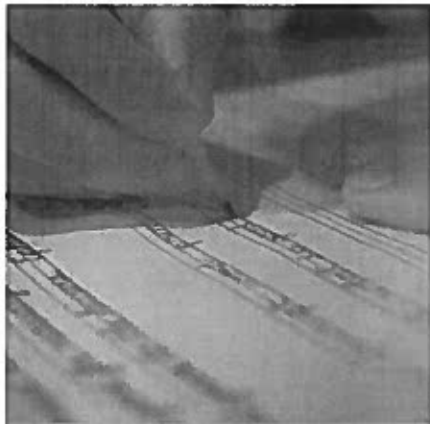
OECTA SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES NAME

SIGNATURE

OECTA SCHOOL REP EMAIL

UNIT

UNIT PRESIDENT OR DESIGNATES AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE



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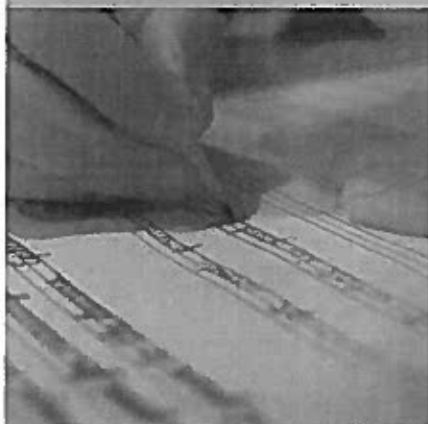
Awards will be presented for the following divisions and categories in both English and French.

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)
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Grades 5-6	Short Story Poem Nonfiction (e.g. reflection or report)
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Grades 11-12	Short Story Poem Play Nonfiction (e.g. essay, article or report)

- No entry may exceed 3,000 words. Entries that do so will be rejected.
- There are three levels of competition: School, Unit and Provincial. First place winners at each level advance to the next level.
- Two copies of each individual entry must be submitted, accompanied by an Entry Form, available from the OECTA Association Representative at your school, completed and stapled to the front cover of the entry. An authorizing classroom teacher must sign the Entry Form. Teachers must submit their classes' entries to the OECTA Association Representative by February 13, 2017.
- Each school may submit one entry per category and division to the Unit Level of competition. Winning school entries must be signed and submitted by the authorizing OECTA Association Representative to the local unit office by February 20, 2017.
- A photo of each of the provincial winners is required for publication in a commemorative book.

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

COMPETITION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 2016-2017



YOUNG AUTHORS AWARDS/ PRIX JEUNES ÉCRIVAINS

1. PURPOSES

The purposes of the annual OECTA Young Authors Awards/Prix Jeunes Écrivains are:

- to celebrate students' writing talents and their teachers' instructional talents
- to showcase the accomplishments of students and teachers

2. LANGUAGE, LEVELS, DIVISIONS AND CATEGORIES

There are three levels of competition: school, unit and provincial. The first place winners at each level advance to the next. Each level of competition consists of the divisions and categories listed below. These divisions and categories are the same for both the French and English tracts. Please note that in the past the French tract was further divided into Core, Extended and Immersion sub-categories, but these sub-categories have been merged to create the same number of awards in English and French.

CONTEST DIVISIONS AND CATEGORIES FOR BOTH ENGLISH AND FRENCH LANGUAGES

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JK and SK	Short Story Poem Nonfiction (e.g. reflection or report)
Grades 1-2	Short Story Poem Nonfiction (e.g. reflection or report)
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3. ENTRY RULES

- 3.1 For the **school level of competition**, teachers must submit their classes' entries to the OECTA school association representative by the school deadline, February 13, 2017. There are no limits on the number of entries at the school level of competition.
- 3.2 Two copies of each individual entry must be submitted, accompanied by the entry form, completed and stapled to the front cover of the entry. The cover sheet must be signed by the teacher.
- 3.3 Each school may submit *only one entry per category and division* to the **unit level of competition** by the unit deadline, February 20, 2017. For example: a single school may submit only one poem, one story, and one nonfiction piece from their Kindergarten division to the unit level of competition. The entry forms for school entries must be signed by the OECTA school association representative before being sent to the unit office, to indicate approval at the school level.
- 3.4 Each unit may submit *only one entry per category and division* to the **provincial level of competition** by the provincial deadline, March 24, 2017. The entry forms must be signed by the unit president or the president's designated contact to indicate official approval by the unit.
- 3.5 All entries, except plays, must be the original work of a single author. Original plays written by more than one (groups) of students are eligible for competition.
- 3.6 Work submitted should be done at school using processes established by the teacher.
- 3.7 **No entry may exceed 3000 words. Entries submitted that exceed 3,000 words will be rejected.**
- 3.8 Verification signatures are required on the entry form at each level of competition. The teacher's signature is required for all school level entries, the OECTA school association representative's signature is required for the entries that advance to the unit level of competition, the unit president's signature (or that of the unit's contact designated by the president) is required for the entries selected to continue on to the provincial level of competition.
- 3.9 Original hard copies of each entry must be mailed or sent by courier to the provincial level of competition. If copies are sent by facsimile to meet the deadline for submissions, originals must also follow in the mail or by courier.

4. COMPETITION DEADLINES

Please note: All submissions must be received by the deadlines.

February 13, 2017	School deadline - Class Entries received by Staff Representatives
February 20, 2017	Unit deadline - School Entries received at Unit Office
March 24, 2017	Provincial deadline - Unit Entries received at Provincial Office
June 8, 9, 2017	June Council of Presidents - Provincial Winners announced

5. AWARDS

- 5.1 Provincial certificates will be issued to all provincial entries.
- 5.2 Provincial plaques will be issued to all provincial winners.
- 5.3 Provincial winners will be published in a commemorative book

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6. CRITERIA FOR SCORING

All entries will be judged on the basis of the criteria listed below which have been adapted from the achievement scales of the current language curriculum guidelines. The entries that exhibit the highest level of performance overall will be named winners.

Creativity: impact and originality

Reasoning: level of understanding, range and complexity of ideas

Communication: clarity of purpose and expression

Organization: control and complexity of form

Language conventions: range and control of vocabulary, grammar and employment

7. PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING WINNERS

- 7.1** The OECTA school association representative selects the winners at the school level. It is recommended that the OECTA school association representative establish a selection committee comprised of student, parent and teacher representatives to assist with the selection of the winners to advance to the unit level of competition.
- 7.2** The unit president or the unit contact person designated by the president selects the winners at the unit level. It is recommended that the president or the designated contact establish a selection committee comprised of representatives of the executive and OECTA school association representatives from more than one school to assist with the selection of the winners to advance to the provincial level of competition.
- 7.3** A provincial selection committee selects the provincial winners. The selection committee is comprised of classroom teachers representing different grades and OECTA units. A call for applicants to serve on the provincial selection committee will be posted the week of March 6, 2017.

8. EDITING POLICY

- 8.1** All forms of editing associated with the writing process approach to writing instruction are permitted and encouraged. Students may receive feedback and advice on their writing from their teachers, peers and parents. Teachers may note errors in writing, but should give any suggestions for corrections and improvement orally. Students should make corrections and improvements themselves. Students should be encouraged to use (Canadian) spelling and grammar checks.
- 8.2** Winning entries will be edited further by the provincial selection committee before publication. Every effort will be made to change the works as little as possible and to correct errors without changing the level of sophistication of the writing.

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