

EMS Writing Contest

2010

It is time to submit your best writing to be considered for the EMS Writing Contest.
The deadline for submissions is, Friday, April 30, 2010.
SENIORS - Gr. 11 & 12 and JUNIORS: Gr. 8, 9 & 10

1. Title page:

Attach the prepared title page:

Your name should **not** be on the first page of your prose piece. Your name should only appear on the title page.

2. Manuscript:

(a) Manuscripts should be double spaced using Times New Roman font size 12.

(b) Double-spaced handwritten manuscripts are acceptable.

3. Original:

Entries must be original, that is, entirely your own work. If plagiarism is detected, even retroactively, award adjustments will be made. Plagiarism is a school offence and will be dealt with accordingly.

4. Style:

Grammar, punctuation and spelling will be taken into consideration. There should be clarity of expression and effective development.

5. Categories and Prizes

There will be six categories: Senior Prose, Junior Prose, Senior Poetry and Junior Poetry, Senior Non Fiction and Junior Non Fiction. There will be one grand prize of \$125.00. First (\$75.00), second (\$50.00), third (\$30.00), and honourable mentions (\$20.00) may be offered in all categories. The awarding of prizes will be dependent on the number and quality of entries. Each student may submit one prose entry and / or one poetry entry, which could be a collection of a maximum of 5 poems.

6. Rules:

The following contest rules must be adhered to:

(a) Prose and Non Fiction entries may not exceed 1500 words.

(b) Poetry entries may not exceed five pages or a maximum of 5 poems. Imagery and original use of language will be considered.

7. Publication:

By submitting an entry, the student also gives permission to have this entry published in the *E.M.S. Ink Blots*, the school writing magazine, *The Empress*, the Yearbook, etc. Outstanding entries will also be submitted to the District Writing Contest. The winning entries of this contest are published in a district anthology and students are honoured at the district Young Author's conference.

8. Deadline:

Stories and poems must be submitted by **Friday, April 30, 2010**. Results of the contest will be announced during at the Writing Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 3, 2007. Submit entries to any EMS English teacher.

9. Further information:

If you wish further clarification, see any EMS English teacher for clarification, assistance or encouragement.