



Deep Valley Young Writer Competition

Rules of entry

To enter you must be between the ages of 7 and 18. Anyone can enter and need not be present to win.

Entry form: Pick up an entry form at any of the participating drop off locations or download a copy at www.deepvalleybookfestival.com.

Rules: Write a story in 1500 words or less. This year's theme is: **FORGIVENESS**.

Tips:

- Use spellcheck.
- Ask someone to proofread your story for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.
- Make sure you incorporate the theme into your story.

Submission Information: Place the completed entry form along with your story in a large manila envelope. Envelope should be marked Young Writers Competition with your name. Please do not fold your work. Number your pages and your name and age must be clearly written on the top of each page of the story.

This contest is open to ages 7-18 (age as of June 1) and will be judged in the following age categories:

- Ages 7-8
- Ages 9-10
- Ages 11-12
- Ages 13-14
- Ages 15-18

Originality: Your work must be original and unaided.

Number of entries per person: One entry per individual.

Judging: Entries will be judged by age category by a panel of professional authors. First, second and third place winners in each category will be presented with a cash award. Prize winners will be notified by email by Sept. 1 and are encouraged to attend the awards program at the Deep Valley Book Festival on October 3, 2020 at the Loose Moose Saloon & Conference Center. Check our website or Facebook page for any news about the competition.

Publicity: All entries along with the author's first name, age and town may be used in publicity. We reserve the right to publish the winning entries. Entries will not be returned. Please keep a copy of your work.

Deadline for entries extended to: July 1, 2020.

Mail story and entry form to:

DVBF Young Writer Competition
c/o Blue Earth County Historical Society
424 Warren St.
Mankato, MN 56001

Drop off entries at either of these Mankato locations:

Blue Earth County Historical Society, 424 Warren St.
Mankato Free Press, 418 So. 2nd St.

Deep Valley Book Festival – www.deepvalleybookfestival.com
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