



## Alberta Women's Institutes Creative Writing Competitions

### Classes

#### Fiction:

**Short Story of 1000– 3000 words**

**Long story of over 5000 words**

**Short story of 1000-3000 words for children in the categories of:**

- **Young Children (Up to age 8)**
- **Pre-teens (ages 8-12)**
- **Young Adults (teens)**

**(Pictures may be used and will also be judged on their contribution to the story).**

#### Non-Fiction:

**An Article of 1000 – 3000 words in the categories of:**

- **Memoir**
- **Essay**
- **Travel Story**

**An Article of over 5000 words**

**An Article of 1000-3000 words for children in the categories of:**

- **Young Children (Up to age 8)**
- **Pre-teens (ages 8-12)**
- **Young Adults (teens)**

**(Pictures may be used and will also be judged on their contribution to the story).**

#### Poetry:

**Minimum 12 lines to maximum of 72 lines**

#### Play:

**Short Play of 1000 – 3000 words**

**Long Multiple Act Play of over 5000 words**

***Submission Deadline March 31***

***See reverse for rules***

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## Creative Writing Competition Rules

1. All entries must be original and unpublished.
2. The competition is open to all members of Alberta Women's Institutes.
3. Copyright will be retained by Author, except for publication of winning entries by Alberta Women's Institutes.
4. **Entries may be submitted by email with the entry category clearly indicated in the subject line.** Emailed entries must be double-spaced in an easy-to-read font and submitted as a Word document (either .doc or .docx acceptable), or as a .pdf document readable in Adobe Reader **OR** they may be neatly hand-written, scanned, and submitted in .pdf format readable in Adobe Reader. Any pictures or graphics should ideally be embedded within the document, but may be attached separately, as long as they are clearly marked as belonging to the entry, and where they fit in the narrative. Plays must be in script format.
5. **Entries may also be submitted by mail.** Mailed entries must be typewritten or neatly handwritten, double-spaced, and on one side of the paper only, on standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper, and stapled in the upper left-hand corner if more than one page. Any pictures or graphics should be placed appropriately in the narrative. Plays must be in script format. All mailed entries must be accompanied by a suitably sized, self-addressed envelope, to ensure return to the author.
6. **Entries must contain no information that makes the author identifiable to the judge.**
7. **Entries must be accompanied by the name, address, postal code, telephone number and WI Branch of the contestant.** For emailed entries, this should be in the body of the email, separate from the submission. For mailed entries, this should be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the category clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. This information will not be provided to the judge.
8. **One entry per category per member.**
9. Each entry will receive a copy of the adjudicator's comments.
10. The Creative Writing Scroll for best overall entry will remain in the Provincial Office between conventions and a keeper plaque will be presented to the winner.
11. Please contact Creative Writing Coordinator for any queries.
12. Entries must be sent to:

[awicreativewriting@gmail.com](mailto:awicreativewriting@gmail.com)

**OR**

Linda Toews  
Creative Writing Coordinator  
34548 Range Road 25  
Red Deer County, AB T4G 0K5

<b>Submission Deadline March 31 Of each year Adjudicator's Decision is FINAL</b>
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