

Furphy

Literary Award



JUNIOR / YOUTH CATEGORY GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entrants must meet the age requirement at the time of competition close.
2. Junior & Youth entrants must be current Australian residents and live or attend a school within the Goulburn Valley - specifically within Greater Shepparton City Council, Moira, Strathbogie, Mitchell, Murrindindi, Benalla or Campaspe Shires.
3. Writing may be works of fiction or narrative non-fiction.
4. All submissions must be written in English and must be the original work of the entrant and **must not have been generated in any way by any Artificial Intelligence (AI) programs**.
5. Junior entries open Sunday March 1, 2026, and must be typed or handwritten (and scanned) and must be uploaded or as otherwise directed by 11:59 pm Sunday May 31, 2026, via the following link –
 - www.furphyliteraryaward.com.au
6. Youth entries open Sunday March 1, 2026 and must be typed and must be uploaded or as otherwise directed by 11:59 pm Sunday May 31, 2026 via the following link –
 - www.furphyliteraryaward.com.au
7. More than one entry may be submitted by each entrant.
8. All entries must follow the online registration and submission process.
9. To preserve anonymity and the 'blind' judging process, uploaded manuscripts must only contain the text and title of the entry/poem/story - any other personal identification (e.g. the author's name) relating to the entrant must not appear on the manuscript including the header or footer. The author's name must not appear on the digital file. The filename of the entry being uploaded to Submittable must be the name/title of the entry/story.
10. The Furphy Literary Award reserves the right to retain all entries, publish winning entries in newspapers and on the Furphy literary Award website, and reproduce winning and shortlisted entries for loan. Copyright remains with the writer.
11. In all matters relating to conditions of entry, the decisions of the Furphy Literary Award organisers are final. In all matters relating to judging of the Furphy Literary Award the decisions of the judges are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Short-listed writers will be invited to the presentation ceremony and all entrants will receive a certificate.
13. The winners and placegetters of the 2026 Furphy Literary Award Junior & Youth categories will be announced in July 2026 and published on www.furphyliteraryaward.com.au

- **Youth Short Story**

Age 13 – 17 years old

Word limit 2000 words

Production Typed

Subject / Theme Any Subject

1st Prize \$300 **2nd Prize** \$100 **3rd Prize** \$50

- **Junior Short Story** up to 12 years old

Word Limit 2000 words

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- **Youth Poetry Age** 13 – 17 years old

Line Limit 30 Lines

Production Typed

Subject / Theme Any Subject

1st Prize \$300 **2nd Prize** \$100 **3rd Prize** \$50

- **Junior Poetry** up to 12 years old

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