

# The Golden Pen Competition 2024

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- All entries must be the sole work of the entrant.
- Submissions must be no longer than 2,000 words (if written) or six A4 pages (if illustrated).
- Video submissions will not be considered.
- Individuals are welcome to submit up to three entries, however each submission requires its own Entry Form.
- Submissions written by or partly by an Artificial Intelligence (AI) program will be disqualified.
- Submissions must not have received an award in a previous public writing competition.
- Entrants must be in School Year Groups 4 to 12 at the time the competition ends.
- All entrants under the age of 16 must have parent/guardian permission to participate.
- The competition is open to entries from Western Australian residents only.
- Entries must be submitted electronically via webform or received via post between Tuesday 5 March 2024 and 5:00PM Monday 26 August 2024. Any Entries received after 5:00PM Monday 26 August 2024 will not be eligible. Please allow adequate postage time if submitting via mail.
- Shortlisted Applicants will be notified by Friday 27 September 2024.
- Documents received (both electronically and via post) will not be returned to sender.
- The decision from the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The competition organisers (FORM Building a State of Creativity Limited) have the right to alter conditions, in the event circumstances change which are beyond their control.

## COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Junior Category: Years 4 – 6

Middle Category: Years 7 – 8

Senior Category: Year 9 – 12

## PRIZES

### Junior Category

#### *Shortlisted Entrants*

Three shortlisted entrants will be selected from this age category. Shortlisted entrants will be notified by phone/email by Friday 27 September 2024. Shortlisted entrants will receive:

- An invitation to attend the 2024 Scribblers Family Festival (26 & 27 October 2024).
- One free ticket to a workshop of their choice at the Scribblers Family Festival.
- An invitation to the public Golden Pen Awards Ceremony on Saturday 26 October 2024, where the overall winners will be announced.
- A certificate of achievement and AUD \$50 book voucher.

Entrants will also have their stories published on the Scribblers website and/or in the 2024 Golden Pen Anthology (digital).

#### *Winning Entrant*

One overall winner will be selected from this age category. Winners will be announced at the 2024 Scribblers Family Festival as part of the public Golden Pen Awards Ceremony (Saturday 26 October 2024). **Winning entrants will receive their Shortlist prizes, as well as:**

- A cash prize of AUD \$200.

This prize will be processed by electronic bank transfer ONLY. Winners or their parent/guardian will need to provide bank details of their nominated bank account in order to receive their prize. The payment will be processed after the 27 October 2024 and may take 2-3 days to appear in the designated bank account. The time frame for payment is determined by receipt of banking information and in-house payment processing times.

Entrants will also have their stories published on the Scribblers website and/or in the 2024 Golden Pen Anthology (digital).

#### Senior and Middle Categories

##### *Shortlisted Entrants*

Three shortlisted entrants will be selected from each age category. Shortlisted entrants will be notified by phone/email by Friday 27 September 2024. Shortlisted entrants will receive:

- An invitation to attend the 2024 Scribblers Family Festival (26 & 27 October 2024).
- One free ticket to a workshop of their choice at the Scribblers Family Festival.
- An invitation to the public Golden Pen Awards Ceremony on Saturday 26 October 2024, where the overall winners will be announced.
- A certificate of achievement and AUD \$100 book voucher.

Entrants will also have their stories published on the Scribblers website and/or in the 2024 Golden Pen Anthology (digital).

#### *Winning Entrant*

One overall winner will be selected from each age category. Winners will be announced at the 2024 Scribblers Family Festival as part of the public Golden Pen Awards Ceremony (Saturday 26 October 2024). **Winning entrants will receive their Shortlist prizes, as well as:**

- A cash prize of AUD \$500.

This prize will be processed by electronic bank transfer ONLY. Winners or their parent/guardian will need to provide bank details of their nominated bank account in order to receive their prize. The payment will be processed after the 27 October 2024 and may take 2-3 days to appear in the designated bank account. The time frame for payment is determined by receipt of banking information and in-house payment processing times.

Entrants will also have their stories published on the Scribblers website and/or in the 2024 Golden Pen Anthology (digital).

### Classroom Category

Classroom entries of 5 or more submissions go in the draw to win:

- Up to 30 tickets for their class to come to a Schools Program session

The following terms and conditions apply:

- The winner will be drawn within a week of the closing date (Monday 26 August 2024) and contacted as soon as possible.
- If the winner has already booked a Schools Program session they will be credited for 30 students.
- In the case of the winner being unable to accept the booking a new winner will be drawn, at the discretion of FORM Building a State of Creativity Limited.
- The session booked by the winner will be upon negotiation with FORM Building a State of Creativity Limited and is subject to availability.
- This prize is non-transferable. The decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The competition organisers have the right to alter conditions, in the event circumstances change which are beyond their control.

### **IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE**

#### Travel

A travel allowance may be available for shortlisted entrants living in regional areas. Each situation will be assessed separately and at the discretion of FORM Building a State of Creativity Limited.

#### Privacy

In accepting the Prize, the winning and shortlisted entrants and their parents/guardians agree to participate and co-operate as required in all marketing activities relating to the promotion of The Golden Pen Competition, including but not limited to being interviewed and photographed for use in various media.

The winning and shortlisted stories will be published on the Scribblers website ([www.scribblersfestival.com.au](http://www.scribblersfestival.com.au)) and/or in the 2024 Golden Pen Anthology (digital).

#### Public Use of Entries

By entering The Golden Pen Competition, you acknowledge that your name, photograph and other information collected in relation to the award may be used in publications created by FORM Building a State of Creativity Limited and for future promotion of the competition.

The promoter of The Golden Pen Competition is FORM Building a State of Creativity Limited. 39 Guger Street, Claremont WA 6010.