



## SENIORS LITERARY CONTEST

I am pleased to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Seniors Literary Contest. This exciting contest has been run in other areas of the province and now it is being launched in Southwestern Ontario. This contest is **free** to all seniors over the age of 55.

The Royal Canadian Legion has a vibrant senior's program, and this is another opportunity to involve seniors from our communities whether a Legion member or not. The contest consists of Essay, Poem, Memoir and Short Story categories. Seniors can choose to enter 1 or multiple categories.

Entry forms and rules can be found at [www.rcldistricta.com](http://www.rcldistricta.com) or email Mark Rogers at [mr70@live.ca](mailto:mr70@live.ca) for details and forms. Entries are to be sent electronically. All entrants will receive a certificate and the winners of each category will be featured on our District A webpage.

We encourage seniors and seniors organizations to participate and share this program to as many seniors as possible. Each branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Windsor/Essex, Chatham-Kent, Sarnia/Lambton, London/Middlesex and Elgin County has the information for this exciting new program. Please contact your local Legion branch or at the website and email as shown above.

The program runs from **Oct 17th, 2022**, until the deadline of **February 25<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

We look forward to submissions and to read the writing talent of the seniors in our community.

*Mark Rogers*

Mark Rogers  
District A Seniors Chair  
Immediate Past District A Commander  
Ontario Command Vice President



## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION – DISTRICT A

INVITES YOU TO ENTER THE 1st ANNUAL SENIORS 55+ LITERARY COMPETITION

**LIKE TO WRITE??? EXERCISE YOUR IMAGINATION!!!**

WRITE A POEM, ESSAY, MEMOIR, SHORT STORY

**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ONLY – NO HARD COPIES ACCEPTED**

**COMPETITION DEADLINE - SATURDAY, FEB 25, 2023**

1. Open to all seniors aged **55+**
2. Must complete and attach official registration form
3. Must be **original, written by the contestant** and be **unpublished**
4. Must be submitted in English or French
5. Must not exceed the line or word limits specified
6. Must be **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION**. Name on application and title page only
7. Contestants may submit only one entry in any / each category
8. **Submission must include a cover page stating the title, author's name, and entry word count—if a family member or volunteer types the entry, please indicate in body of email**
9. Biographies that are submitted must include written consent of the subject, if living

Entry forms are available upon request. EMAIL **mr70@live.ca** and submit entry with entry form to the above clearly marked email

### SENIORS LITERARY COMPETITION.

**CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED TO ALL ENTRANTS IN EACH CATEGORY**

**Winner of each category will be featured on our District A Website**

POETRY — maximum 32 lines

SHORT STORY - word count maximum 4,000

ESSAY — word count maximum 1,000

MEMOIR — includes biographies, autobiographies, and travel writing — word count max. 5000

**ENTRANT – USE THE APPLICATION AND TITLE PAGE TO IDENTIFY YOU**



SENIORS' LITERARY CONTEST

ENTRY FORM - **2023**

LITERARY CATEGORY: Please check ✓

- Poetry (maximum 32 lines)
- Short Story (word count maximum 4,000)
- Essay (word count maximum 1,000)
- Memoir (includes biographies, autobiographies and travel writing (word count maximum 5000))

**PERSONAL INFORMATION: Please print in block letters**

First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRANT — USE THE APPLICATION AND TITLE PAGE TO IDENTIFY YOU**

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Province Postal Code

Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic submissions only**

**AUTHOR CONSENT AND DECLARATION:**

I give The Royal Canadian Legion permission to reproduce my entry for the sole purpose of promoting this program and the Legion for the current contest year. **The Royal Canadian Legion does not rent or sell names of applicants to any organization or advertiser, and any personal information collected is strictly for the purposes of the contest.**

I declare that I have read and understand the Contest Rules, I am 55 years of age or better and my work has been written by me and is previously unpublished.

Author's Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGES DECISION WILL BE FINAL.**



## CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION - 2023

1. This contest is open to all seniors under the jurisdiction of Ontario Command who are **aged 55 and over**. Entrants need not to be Legion Members.
2. Contestants must complete an official Registration Form and attach it to each of their contest entries. Only one submission per category.
3. Entries must be original, written by the contestant, and be unpublished.
4. Entries must be submitted in either English or French.
5. Entries must not exceed the line or word limits specified.
6. Entries must be **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ONLY**
7. Contestants may enter work in more than one category but may only submit one entry in each category.
8. **Entry cover page must include the title, the author's name, and the word count of the entry. Do not include any identifying names in/on the entry itself.**
9. Biographies that are submitted must include written consent of the subject if living.

**Note: By submitting your entry, you are agreeing to all contest rules.**

### TIMELINES:

**Oct 17/22** Entry Forms for the Seniors Literary Contest are available by email at [mr70@live.ca](mailto:mr70@live.ca) or through on-line at [www.rcldistricta.com](http://www.rcldistricta.com)

**Feb 25/23 Deadline:** All entries must be received by **Saturday, February 25, 2023**, at the email address you have been provided for submissions clearly marked "**Literary Contest for Seniors**" to [mr70@live.ca](mailto:mr70@live.ca)

### JUDGING:

- All entries will be judged on the basis of originality of thought, expression, presentation, grammar, and spelling.
- Judging will be done by volunteers and take place at the community level.
- The decision made by the judges will be final.

### PRIZES:

All entries will receive a certificate and the winner of each category will be featured on our District A Webpage

Email: District A Seniors Chair Mark Rogers [mr70@live.ca](mailto:mr70@live.ca)