



## DISTRICT 'E'

INVITES YOU TO ENTER THE **6th ANNUAL**

### **SENIORS 55+ LITERARY COMPETITION – OPENING JANUARY 1, 2024**

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

**WRITE A POEM, ESSAY, SHORT STORY, MEMOIR**

**PLUS NEW CATEGORY DESIGNATED 'VETERANS ONLY'**

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

COMPETITION **DEADLINE - SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024**

1. Open to all Ontario resident 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 Must be **original, written by the contestant** and be **unpublished**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/entry form 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 line/word count**
9. Biographies that are submitted must include written consent from the subject, if living.

Entry forms are available upon request at <DistrictEseniorsliterary@gmail.com>

Submissions must be received at [DistrictEseniorsliterary@gmail.com](mailto:DistrictEseniorsliterary@gmail.com)

by **MARCH 17, 2024** and clearly marked SENIORS LITERARY COMPETITION

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED TO WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY AT THE **AWARDS LUNCHEON SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024**

**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** – **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON YOUR ENTRY – USE THE APPLICATION TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF**



## DISTRICT 'E' SENIORS LITERARY COMPETITION

### JUDGING SCORE SHEETS - 2024

#### POETRY CATEGORY SCORE SHEET (Maximum 32 lines)

Maximum Possible		Score
	<b>Is it too long? If so entry ineligible</b>	
Theme 40%	Does it show original thinking?  Is the theme presented in an engaging manner?  Is the theme sustained throughout the poem?	
Effect 15%	Does the author succeed in maintaining any special effects? (i.e. staccato rhythm, explosive phrases or imagery)	
Clarity 15%	Is the message clear?	
Pace 15%	Is the pace consistent?  Is it dull?	
Rhythm 15%	Appropriate?  Is it natural?  Does it engage the reader?	
	<b>ENTRY TOTAL SCORE</b>	

**Note: Judges are not to change/alter any text on entry**

**JUDGES DECISION WILL BE FINAL**



# DISTRICT 'E' SENIORS LITERARY COMPETITION

## JUDGING SCORE SHEETS - 2024

### SHORT STORY CATEGORY SCORE SHEET (Maximum 4,000 words)

Maximum Possible		Score
	Is it too long? If so entry ineligible	
Original Thought 40%	Is it a strong narrative?	
Effectiveness Of Presentation 30%	Is the material presented dramatically? Does it sustain interest?	
Clarity of Language 15%	Is the language simple, direct? Is it expressed logically?	
Composition 15%	Are the basic rules of syntax observed? (ways in which <u>words</u> combine to form <u>phrases</u> , <u>clauses</u> , and <u>sentences</u> ) Are the basic rules of punctuation observed? Is the spelling correct?	
	<b>ENTRY TOTAL SCORE</b>	

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## JUDGING SCORE SHEETS - 2024

### ESSAY CATEGORY SCORE SHEET (Maximum 1,000 words)

Maximum Possible		Score
	<b>Is it too long? If so entry ineligible</b>	
<b>Original Thought 40%</b>	Is the material fresh? Does it have a sincere ring? Does it reflect writer's views?	
<b>Effectiveness Of Presentation 30%</b>	Is the material presented dramatically? Does it sustain interest? Does it make a point?	
<b>Clarity of Language 15%</b>	Is the language simple, direct? Is it expressed logically?	
<b>Composition 15%</b>	Are the basic rules of syntax observed? (ways in which <u>words</u> combine to form <u>phrases</u> , <u>clauses</u> , and <u>sentences</u> ) Are the basic rules of punctuation observed? Is the spelling correct?	
	<b>ENTRY TOTAL SCORE</b>	

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## JUDGING SCORE SHEETS - 2024

### MEMOIR CATEGORY SCORE SHEET (Maximum 5,000 words)

Maximum Possible		Score
	Is it too long? If so entry ineligible	
	If the subject of the biography is living and has not provided consent entry is ineligible	
<b>Original Thought 40%</b>	Is subject's life well defined from birth to current date?  Well detailed with facts?  A good mix of personal and professional information?	
<b>Effectiveness Of Presentation 30%</b>	Do you get a good sense of the subject?  Do you get a good sense of the subject's journey through life?  Pictures included?  Does it sustain interest?	
<b>Clarity of Language 15%</b>	Is the language simple, direct?  Is it expressed logically?	
<b>Composition 15%</b>	Are the basic rules of syntax observed? (ways in which <u>words</u> combine to form <u>phrases</u> , <u>clauses</u> , and <u>sentences</u> )  Are the basic rules of punctuation observed?  Is the spelling correct?	
	<b>ENTRY TOTAL SCORE</b>	

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## DISTRICT 'E' SENIORS' LITERARY CONTEST ENTRY FORM - 2024

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 5,000)
- ( ) *Are you a veteran? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no (not a requirement to enter the competition)*

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

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

***ENTRANT – DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON YOUR ENTRY –  
USE THE APPLICATION TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF***

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 a resident of Ontario, am 55 years of age or better, my work has been written by me and is previously unpublished.**

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

**Forward to [DistrictEseniorsliterary@gmail.com](mailto:DistrictEseniorsliterary@gmail.com)**



## DISTRICT 'E' SENIORS LITERARY COMPETITION CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION - 2024

1. This contest is open to all **seniors resident in Ontario** who are **aged 55 and over**. Entrants need not 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 line or word count of the entry.**  
**Do not include any identifying names in/on the entry itself.**
10. Biographies that are submitted must include written consent from the subject, if living.
11. *Are you a military veteran* \_\_\_ *yes* \_\_\_ *no* (*not a requirement to enter*)

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

### TIMELINES:

#### **DEADLINE FOR 2024 SUBMISSIONS**

**March 17, 2024 deadline** provided for submissions clearly marked  
"Literary Contest for Seniors".

### 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:

At the discretion of the judges, prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place winners and runners-up in each category.

**Prizes will be awarded at the SLC Luncheon on SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024**

Email [DistrictEseniorsliterary@gmail.com](mailto:DistrictEseniorsliterary@gmail.com)

Questions – Please send an email or contact:

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*Phone Cell – 416-347-0621*

*District E Sec-Treas and SLC Vice Chair Betty-Jean Murray*

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