



## 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 Must be **original, written by the contestant** and be **unpublished**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 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 Entries must be original, written by the contestant, and be unpublished.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:

*District E Srs and Srs Lit Competition Chair Bruno Scaturchio*

*Phone Cell – 416-347-0621*

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

*Phone Cell – 705-528-9292*



## 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)