



In honor of World Ocean’s Day 2023, the Blue Institute is proud to announce it's 5th call out for Submissions to “Words on Water” a Poetry, Prose, and Playwriting Competition with an “open-ended theme of water.” Both electronic and snail mail submissions will be accepted. A panel of jurors from the local, regional, and international writing-arts community will anonymously review and select the Finalists in each category.

\* **Submission due by Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> 2023** –

· Winners will be announced on World Water Day, Wednesday March 22, 2023

· **RULES:**

- 1) Writers may submit only one work in each category – use size 12 Times New Roman font, with one- inch margins.
- 2) All work must be original, unpublished, and not previously produced.
- 3) All work must be appropriate for an audience of all ages.
- 4) Each submission must have a cover page with:
  - Category
  - Title of Work
  - Author’s Full Name, mailing address, telephone or WhatsApp number and email (if they have one).
  - K-12 Students must also identify their school
- 5) **Author’s name, contact information and writing Title appears only on the Cover Page.**
- 6) Each submission may be a maximum of 9 pages plus a Cover Page.
- 7) Poetry can be written in any poetic style.
- 8) Prose can be fiction or non-fiction.
- 9) Plays are limited to four characters or less – set is Black Box Theater Style only.

The Finalists & Winners will be read/performed as detailed above and their works may also be published on the Blue Institute’s Website, may be published/recorded in a Blue Institute World Oceans Day Anthology, and may be read/performed at a Climate Week Blue event, and in the Blue Institute’s 2023 World Oceans Day Festival. Authors retain all rights other than specified here.

**PRIZES:** First prize in each category and grouping is a \$100 bookstore gift card, Second Prize in each category and grouping is a \$50 bookstore gift card.

**DUE DATES:** Both electronic and snail mail are due by Valentine's Day, February 14th 2023.

**Submission Fee:** Each Adult submission is a \$10 suggested donation -  
(Students in K-12 no donation suggested – please identify your school)

- Online donations at website [please use the pulldown menu for Words on Water](#)
- Postal Mail payment by Check or Money Order (Do Not Send Cash)
- Make Checks Payable to “Blue Institute”

**SUBMISSION METHOD:** via email or postal mail.

Email Submissions: [wordsonwater@blueinstitute.org](mailto:wordsonwater@blueinstitute.org)

Postal Mail to: Blue Institute, P.O. Box 333, Harwich Port, MA, 02646 USA

Office: +1 508.939.3435    [www.blueinstitute.org](http://www.blueinstitute.org)

"Words on Water" showcases our relationships with water and water's cultural relevance in our lives. Sometimes the observations and experiences are straightforward, other times they are subtle and opaque highlighting the depth and breath therein. This Valentine's share your love of water by wading into "Words on Water."