

The Blue Institute is proud to announce its 6th call out for Submissions to “Words on Water” a Poetry, Prose, and Playwriting Competition with an “open-ended theme of water.” This year submissions will be accepted via our website (email submissions will still 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 September 30th, 2024**

Winners will be announced on, October 22, 2024

- 1) Only one work in each category may be submitted – 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- 2) All work must be original, unpublished, and not previously produced.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) The plays are limited to four characters or less – the 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 future Blue Institute 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: Submissions are due by September 30th, 2024.

Submission Fee:

Each Adult submission is a \$10 suggested donation - if able.

Students in K-12 no donation – please make sure to identify your school.

- Donations at website [please use the pulldown menu for Words on Water](http://www.blueinstitute.org)
www.blueinstitute.org enter what you wish to donate

"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 breadth therein. Share your love of water by wading into "Words on Water."