

# Contest Rules

## Celebrating Young Indigenous Voices: From Sea to Sea to Sea

- The contest is open to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit youth who are aged 8-12 at the time of entry.
- A parent or guardian must provide signed permission to participate in the contest and indicate, through their signature, agreement with the rules of the contest.
- Entries will be judged on the overall quality of the writing, creativity, and originality and a link to one of the contest themes:
  - Voices of Elders, grandparents or family
  - Voices from the land
  - Voices from the animal world
  - Your own voice
- All entries in this contest will be judged anonymously, on merit alone. This means the review committee and the jury members will not know anything about the writer except the content of the submission.
- The winning prize includes round trip airfare for two from the entrant's location of residence on the land now called Canada, shared room accommodation for two nights in Ottawa for themselves and their parent/guardian and a per diem allowance.
- Prizes must be accepted as awarded and may not be redeemed for cash value.
- The finalists and winner of the contest will be published in an anthology distributed by IBBY Canada at the Congress and used for promotional purposes. A prize of \$50 will be paid to the contest winner and finalists, through their parent or guardian, for works included in the anthology.
- The finalists and winner may request their work be removed from digital copies of the anthology at any time.
- The number of finalists selected for inclusion in the anthology will be at IBBY Canada's sole discretion and will depend in part on the number and quality of submissions received.
- Initial screening of all submissions will be made by a volunteer committee of IBBY Canada with final selection made by the judges.
- All participants will be contacted via the email address provided with their submission on **April 15, 2026**. Finalists will receive additional details in that message.
- The list of winners and finalists will be publicly announced by press release and social media on **May 1, 2026**.



### Still have questions?

If you have any questions or have problems with submitting, please contact [alberta@ibby-canada.org](mailto:alberta@ibby-canada.org) and include **"Celebrating Young Indigenous Voices: Writing Contest"** in the email subject line.