

RIBI ROTARY YOUNG WRITER

Rotary Young Writer aims to encourage excellence in writing among children in their local community. The competition provides a mechanism for young people to participate, using their writing skills, imagination and creativity. It can be targeted at schools and youth groups.

This is a free competition for young people and is set on three levels, with ages to be taken on 31st August.

- Junior 7 to 10 year old – maximum words is 500
- Intermediate 11 to 13 year old – maximum words is 800
- Senior 14 to 17 year old – maximum words is 1600

The competition is open to all, including Rotarian families.

Entries may be either prose or poetry and should be sent to participating Rotary Club's Young Writer coordinator.

Format

Entry forms require certification from a parent, guardian, or teacher that the entry is exclusively the entrant's own work. Parental consent is needed if a student is under 18. Judging is carried out by a panel of three, with at least one independent person; perhaps an author, teacher, journalist or similar and for the Club competition the Club President.

For the RIBI Final, all judges will be independent and have relevant experience.

Entries are judged on:

- Use of Language
- Vocabulary
- Consistency of subject/story
- Interest
- Ability to complete work in the required number of words

Stages in the Competition

Rotary Young Writer Competition is usually carried out in three stages.

1. The Club Competition, with the winner in each age category going on to the District Competition
2. The District Competition, with the winner in each age category going to the RIBI Final. Each Rotary Club can submit **one** Prose and **one** Poetry entry for each of the 3 age groups. Entries may be individually chosen or be the winners of Club Competitions. All unsuccessful entries should be returned to the individual Clubs.
3. The RIBI Final for all Districts in RIBI who wish to enter.

Prizes

Certificates and sometimes trophies are awarded to the winners in each age bracket at club level.

Monetary prizes and sometimes trophies are awarded to the winners in each age bracket at district level.

Monetary prizes and trophies with all entrants are awarded to the winners in each age bracket at the RIBI final with all entrants receiving a certificate.