

Nature Nova Scotia, Young Naturalists Club and Wildland Writers
Nova Scotia Nature Writing and Art Contest – Rules and Regulations

The Nature Writing and Art Contest is inviting youth in ages 8-15 years who live in Nova Scotia to submit a **written piece** (short story, non-fiction, poetry, etc.) **OR** an **original artwork** (painting, drawing, collage, etc.) that is inspired by:

- native plants or animals of Nova Scotia (*native means a species that occurs naturally in a region*),
- an adventure, personal moment, or happy experience in Nova Scotia's wild places (lake, river, ocean, forest, trail),
- an injustice that impacts nature in Nova Scotia

Key Dates: Contest Opens: **June 5 2015**, Contest Closes: **October 31 2015**.

Categories:

Writing

Junior – ages 8-12
Senior - ages 13-15

Art

Junior - ages 8-12
Senior - ages 13-15

Prizes: Total of **\$2000** in cash prizes plus a NS Provincial Park gift certificate to each winner. Each Category has a: First Place prize valued at \$300, Second Place prize valued at \$150, Third Place prize valued at \$50

Rules and Regulations:

- This contest is open to youth in ages 8-15 who live in Nova Scotia.
- Students may enter as many times as they wish; however, each youth will be limited to one prize per contest.

Writing Category specifications

- Entries can be in French, English or Mi'kmaq and be a maximum of 600 words
 - Entries may be in any form (short story, non-fiction, poetry, etc.)
 - It is advisable written work be accompanied by a photo or artwork that supports the subject
 - Entries must include a title page with the author's name – do not put author's name on manuscript pages to ensure anonymous judging
 - Entries must be original, written by the author, have been written in 2015 and not previously published
- ***First place winners may have their work published in the Nova Scotia Naturally monthly column in the Chronicle Herald or Le Courrier de la Nouvelle-Écosse.***

Art Category specifications

- Wildlife species (plants and animals) and or habitat represented in artwork must be native to Nova Scotia – exotic or domestic animals and plants will not be accepted.
 - All formats and mediums are accepted (except photographs): drawing, painting, collage, fibre arts, sculpture etc.
 - All art entries must be made by hand. Photographs and computer-generated artwork will not be accepted
 - Entries must include a title with artist's name on the back of the artwork – do not put artist's name on front of art work or a signature to ensure anonymous judging
 - Artwork should be accompanied by a written description that supports the subject
 - Artwork must be the original work made by the artist and created in 2015
- ***Winners may have their artwork on display at the Museum of Natural History) and be included in the Young Naturalists Club Art Cards for 2016***

Deadlines and Submissions:

- Entries must be dropped off with a completed Entry Form (download from www.yncns.ca) to the Museum of Natural History in Halifax, or mailed to: Young Naturalists Club, c/o The Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax NS, B3H 3A6
- Entries must be postmarked by October 31st or dropped off at the Museum of Natural History by this date.
- Entries will not be returned unless you enclose a self addressed stamped envelope or request to pick them up at the Museum of Natural History

By entering you give YNC permission to use your entry on its website, in its communications, or for fundraising.