BCTELA 2026-2027
Voices Visible Writing Contest Entry Form



* A completed entry form must accompany <u>each</u> entry. PRINT NEATLY.

Name: _____ Grade_____

Title of Entry: _____

By signing below, **I am verifying that the work I am submitting is my own, has not been previously published, and has been written within the 2026-2027 school year.**

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

English Teacher: _____ Email: _____

English Teacher Signature: _____

Submitting teacher must be a member of BCTELA*: ___ yes ___ no

Teachers please check that you have read the submissions your student is submitting

(If you are not a member, please go to BCTELA.ca to register.)
You must submit your entries online. **Online Entry Form**
(Questions may be submitted to voicesvisible@gmail.com)

Voices Visible Writing Contest Rules

1. The *Voices Visible* writing contest is open to all students in BC from Grades 4 to 12. This contest is free to enter for students of current BCTELA members. Contest entries must be submitted by a BCTELA member who has paid their annual PSA fee.

2. All entries must be **received by April 30, 2027**.

3. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual student may submit. The categories are Prose, Poetry and Graphic novel. Entries are limited to 1500 words or 2 pages for graphic novel text. Poetry may be spaced the way the poet has written it. All entries must be typed or word-processed and must be submitted **ELECTRONICALLY in a WORD DOC ONLY** unless it is a graphic page or concrete/ visual poem in which case PDF is fine. ** Please use font size 12, double-spaced, Times New Roman.
   Go to Online Entry Form to submit entries.

4. Submissions will not be returned due to the volume received. **Winners will receive an email note to let them know their submission will be included later in the spring.**

5. Please attach a completed BCTELA *Voices Visible* Writing Contest Entry Form with **each** submission. Type the information to ensure accuracy. Neat, block-letter printing will also be accepted. All fields are required in the event an individual needs to be contacted. Incomplete forms will result in the submission being disqualified.

6. The decision of the judging panel is final. Submissions must be original and as polished as possible. Judges are looking for unique and creative pieces.

7. Note about Submissions: As you prepare your submission, please be aware that we aim to provide content that is suitable for a wide audience, including younger readers. We ask that you carefully consider the topics and themes in your work to ensure they are appropriate for all age groups.
   Please avoid the following sensitive topics and content in your submission: Explicit language or vulgarity, graphic violence or gore, substance abuse or addiction, sexual content or explicit references, hate speech, discrimination or harmful stereotypes, explicit trauma or abuse, self-harm or suicide, explicit political or controversial ideologies that may not be suitable for younger readers.

8. Winning entries will be notified by email in late spring. The winning author will receive one complimentary copy of *Voices Visible* Student Writing Journal containing the winning entries from this contest in the WINTER. Each BCTELA member receives one copy as part of their membership.

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