

**ROTARY**  
**YOUNG**  
**WRITER** COMPETITION

Information pack



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Entries must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

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## THEME – ‘MY INSPIRATION’

### Introduction

This National Young Writer Competition is a well established and successful competition promoted by Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI).

It is a three-stage competition, designed to support and encourage development of writing skills.

### Aims

This competition aims to encourage young people to:

- Use their writing skills
- Write with imagination and creativity

### Who can take part?

The competition is open all schools and college communities including those that are home educated and any other young people's community organisations, for example, community RotaKids, community Interact, Scout Groups, Girl Guides.

The three age groups are:

Junior	7 to 10 years old
Intermediate	11 to 13 years old
Senior	14 to 17 years old

on 31 August 2018.

With the age qualifying date of 31st August 2018, it should be noted that some junior entrants may be 11, intermediate entrants may be 14 and some senior entrants may be 18 at the time of some or all the stage competitions i.e. a competitor may be 17 on 31st August but turns 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> September is allowed to enter. **Competitors must include their date of birth on the entry form.**

For entrants with motor control difficulties, an amanuensis may be used to record the entrants work to paper.

**Students should enter the competition organised by the local Rotary club through their respective group as detailed above.**

Competitors, school, colleges, and organisations can participate in a district that is outside of their boundary, but may compete in only one club/district competition.

## The Three Stages of the Competition

### Local Heats

This local heat is organised by the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock. Please return the entry form as soon as possible by email to [youngwriter@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk](mailto:youngwriter@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk) upon receipt you will be provided with the postal address for you to send your *My Inspiration* competition entry piece. **Entries must be received by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.**

It is anticipated that winners will be advised prior to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

Age group winners of this competition are entered into the Rotary District 1240 competition.

### Rotary District 1240 finals

Organised by Rotary District 1240. Age group winners of district competitions are entered into the national final. The closing date for the District competition is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. It is anticipated that winners of this competition will be notified shortly after 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

### Rotary National Final

Organised by Rotary. One entry per age group from Rotary District 1240 will be submitted to the organisers of this competition by **Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

## Competition Guidelines

### Task

To produce a written or typed story in prose entitled, '**My Inspiration**'. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, a story or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme. Questions have been asked about spelling and although this is not an issue the only advice to be given are that judges of this competition have made comment upon spelling in the past.

**An A4 page or up to 500 hundred words is a *suggested* suitable submission.**

Entries will not be returned unless specifically requested. For this to happen, please attach a stamped addressed envelope with your entry.

### Judges

Judges with appropriate skills, appointed by Rotary, will apply the judging criteria below.

### Judging Criteria

Judges will consider imagination relative to the subject; ability to interest and ability to be consistent in the power of argument.

Only in exceptional circumstance, at the sole discretion of the competition organiser, will correspondence or discussions be entered into following the competition by the competition organiser.

### Prizes

At all stages of the competition, competitors will receive a certificate of participation.

The winners in each age group of our local Thurrock Heat will receive an appropriate reward

## How to enter

To enter a local heat, interested parties should contact [youngwriter@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk](mailto:youngwriter@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk) when full submission details will be sent. In case of difficulty interested parties should contact the Grays Thurrock Rotary Club Young Writer co-ordinator, Elaine Stevens, via [www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk](http://www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk) for assistance.

## Rotary Youth Competitions

The Young Writer competition is one of seven competitions organised by Rotary International Britain and Ireland for young people. The others are: Young Chef, Young Musician, Young Photographer, Youth Speaks the Young Citizens Awards and the Technology Tournament. To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities please contact your local Rotary club via [www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk](http://www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk)

## Working with Children

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has adopted this statement of policy in working with children, the vulnerable and those with disability.

*“The needs and rights of the child, the elderly, the vulnerable and those with disability take priority. It is the duty of every Rotarian to safeguard to the best of their ability, the welfare of and prevent the physical, sexual or emotional abuse and neglect of all children, the elderly, persons with disability or otherwise vulnerable persons with whom they come into contact during their Rotarian duties.”*

## **ENTRY CONDITIONS 2018-19**

The form below is to be submitted with the entrant's full name and age category. Please ensure you have registered by email or post before sending your entry.

**Rotary** respects your rights and does not claim copyright for works you submit to this contest. You will retain full copyright. In addition, your moral rights are respected. You will be credited whenever your work is published by **Rotary** (and its partners). Failure to publish a credit due to error or oversight shall not be deemed a breach of this condition.

By entering this contest, you agree that any (winning or shortlisted) work submit may be used by **Rotary** (and its partners) solely for marketing and promotional purposes of this contest or future contests and for no other purpose. These uses include:

1. Judging the competition;
2. Displaying the entries on the competition website (and websites of partners);
3. Displaying the entries at public exhibitions to promote the competition;
4. Displaying the entries in a book, magazine or similar;
5. Publishing the entries on posters to promote the competition;
6. Sub-licensing the entries to the press for reproduction in connection with the competition and any related exhibition;
7. Inclusion within any materials promoting the competition or any exhibition of works from this competition organized by **Rotary**.

You hereby grant **Rotary** a non-exclusive, irrevocable licence in each entry throughout the world in all media for the issues described above for 3 years following the date of announcement of the winners.