



Rotary Club of Gray's Thurrock

Rotary **YOUNG WRITER** COMPETITION **2020/21**
Information Pack



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Closing date for entries is 22nd January 2021

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THEME – ‘My Happiest Day’

Introduction

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

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 to all schools and college communities including those that are home educated and any other young peoples' 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

Entrants must not be above the age parameters for each group on **31 August 2020**.

With the age qualifying date of 31st August 2020, 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 who may be 17 on 31st August but turns 18 on 1st September is permitted to enter. **Competitors must include their age on the 31st August 2020 on the entry form.**

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

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

Competitors, schools, colleges, and organisations may participate in a club or district competition that is outside of their geographical boundary but may compete in only one club or district competition.

The Three Stages of the Competition

Local Heats

This will be organised by the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock with a closing date of **22nd January 2021**. The winners of each age group will be entered into a district competition.

Please confirm the intention to submit entries to the competition organiser (**Elaine Stevens**) at youngwriter@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk. All entry forms together with written submission to be received by no later than 22nd January 2021. It is anticipated results of local heats will be advised prior to 26th February 2021.

District Competitions

These are organised by Rotary districts between January and February. The winners of each are entered into the national final.

National Final

Organised by Rotary. One entry per age group per district may be submitted by **Monday, 29th March 2021**

Competition Guidelines

Task

To produce a written or typed story in prose entitled, '**My Happiest Day**'. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, prose, or a poem, as long as the piece relates to the theme.

- **Up to maximum of 550 words for prose entries.**
- **Up to a maximum of 40 lines for poetry entries.**
- **No pictures/drawings to be part of the entry.**
- **All entries to be legible. Can be written or typed.**

Entries should be sent to the Stage organiser by the closing date.

Entries may not be returned unless specifically requested and a SAE submitted.

Judges

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

Judging Criteria

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

The judges will not enter into any discussion or correspondence regarding their decision; their decision will be final and not subject to any appeal.

Prizes

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

At the National Final, the winners will receive a vocational experience such as working in a newspaper or publishing environment with a professional practitioner.

How to enter

To enter a local heat, interested parties should email youngwriter@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk. In case of difficulty interested parties can contact the Grays Thurrock Rotary Young Writer Co-Ordinator, Elaine Stevens via www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk for assistance.

Entrants are required to complete the entry form, and submit it with their text, to the stage organiser at the time specified.

Rotary Youth Competitions

The Young Artist competition is one of several competitions for young people organised by the Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock. These are: Young Chef, Youth Debate, Young Environmental Project, Young Filmmaker, Young Musician, Young Photographer, Young Writer, Young Citizen Awards, the Technology Tournaments and Primary Mathematics.

PLEASE NOTE Covid 19 regulations have prevented us from organising many of our activities. To find out more about these competitions and other opportunities for young people across Thurrock go to www.graysthurrockrotary.org.uk or www.facebook.com/groups/grays.thurrock.rotary.youth

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.

Privacy Notice – Youth Competitions

[For the purpose of this privacy notice, Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland (RIBI) also includes Rotary clubs and districts and their members. The use of the term ‘you’, ‘your’ also means that of your child where the competition Entrant is a minor, i.e. under the age of 18 years].

Members of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (“we”) value the trust you put in us to process your personal information and will always be open and honest about the information we collect and how we will use it. We will never do anything with your personal information that you wouldn’t reasonably expect us to in relation to the Youth Competitions and we will always take every effort to protect your privacy.

The RIBI Privacy Notice is available on our website, www.rotarygbi.org, and explains how we collect, process and share personal information. This ‘Privacy Notice – Youth Competitions’ is supplementary to the general RIBI Privacy Notice and explains in more detail how you can expect your personal information to be specifically used in relation to the Youth Competition events.

How we use your personal information for Youth Competitions

1. We are collecting your personal information (and that of your child if a minor) for the organisation and administration of the youth competitions only, it will not be used for any other purpose.
2. Club, District or Rotary Public Relations Officers may use your personal information to make contact with you to discuss public relation opportunities and will gain your specific consent at that time for the use of your information, such as photographs/interviews for newspaper articles, club or district websites etc. Where the entrant is a minor only the parent/guardian will be contacted.

Providing your personal information to others for Youth Competitions

3. The personal information will only be shared with others that require it for their role/the services they provide for the organisation and administration of the youth competition events. Initially, this will be at club level competitions but should an entrant progress to district or national levels of the competition, the information will also be shared with those relevant organisers.
4. Depending on the Youth Competition, it may be necessary to share some of your information with third parties such as providers of venue hire and catering services. Under such circumstances only the minimum amount of information for the third-party service will be provided, i.e. for caterers, only the name and allergy/special dietary requirement will be disclosed, no other information.
5. Those individuals and organisations that have access to the personal information are also bound by the RIBI Privacy Notice.

Retaining and deleting your personal information

6. All reasonable steps will be taken by those concerned to ensure the personal information they have access to is kept securely and will not be shared with anyone who does not have a legitimate reason to have access to it in relation to the organisation and administration of the competitions.
7. For all youth competitions, personal information will be kept on file for 3 months after the date of the National Final for that specific competition. After this date, the information will be securely destroyed (either by shredding, incineration or deletion from electronic devices) at club, district and national level. This timeframe is necessary to allow for any disputes to be settled before the personal information is destroyed.

respect of the use of personal information for yourself (and your child, where applicable).

ENTRY FORM 2020-21

The following form is to be submitted with their written entry in relation to the theme. Each entry is to be clearly labelled with the entrants full name and age category upon the reverse. Please submit your entry by post to: **Young Writer 2020; 79 Rectory Road; Grays; Essex RM17 6AW** to be received by no later than **22nd January 2021**.

Rotary respects your rights and does not claim copyright for works you submit to this contest. You will retain full copyright in each entry. In addition, your moral rights are respected. Whenever your work is published by **Rotary** (and its partners), you will be credited. 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 you 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. Publishing the entries on postcards to promote the competition;
7. Publishing the entries on a calendar to promote the competition;
8. Cropping and reducing the work as necessary to fit pre-defined formats to promote the competition;
9. Sub-licensing the entries to the press for reproduction in connection with the competition and any related exhibition;
10. 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.

Rotary organisers will do their best to look after your entry but, by entering this competition, I accept that the organisers cannot be held responsible for any damage or loss to them.

Please note that entries from people under 18 years old must be signed by their parent, guardian, carer or teacher for those in boarding school, for the Entrant.

ENTRY FORM 2020/2021

Please read the Rotary Young Writer Information Pack before completing this form. By signing this form, you confirm you have read, understood and agreed to the contents of the Information Pack and Privacy Notice overleaf. Please return this form to the competition organiser at **Young Writer Competition 2020; 79 Rectory Road; Grays; Essex RM17 6AW.**

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Entrant's Name: (please type or use CAPITAL letters)	Age on 31 st Aug 2020:
School/College/Organisation:	Please tick category being entered: Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/>

Entrant's Contact Details (only to be completed by Entrant if they are 18 years of age at the time of signing this form)

Entrant's Email:	Entrant's Tel No:
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Parent/Guardian Contact Details (only to be completed by Parent/Guardian if Entrant is under the age of 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian's Email:	Parent/Guardian's Tel No:
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Rotary Details

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock	District Number: 1240
Rotarian Contact Name: Elaine Stevens	Email: youngwriter@rotaryclubofgraysthurrock.co.uk

Entrants under the age of 18 when this form is completed, must get a parent/guardian signature to give permission for the following (if the Entrant is 18 years of age when this form is completed, they are giving permission themselves):-

- a. for the named Entrant to take part and be identified in the competition.
- b. for the information on this form to be used for all stages of the competition (should the Entrant progress), and shared in accordance with the Privacy Notice with appropriate competition organisers at each stage.
- c. for Rotary, District or Club Public Relations Officers to make contact with the parent/guardian/entrant (where over 18 years of age) to discuss public relations opportunities.

By signing this form, you are also acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Privacy Notices referred to within the Information Pack in respect of the use of personal information. In addition, I agree for photographic/video records to be taken and used by Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock for publicity purposes in printed, electronic and online formats.

*Parent/Guardian/Entrant (Print Name):	**Signature:	Date:
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**delete as appropriate*

***Entrant may only sign this form if they are 18 years of age on the date the Entry Form is signed*