

# Deep Valley Young Writer Competition

## Rules of Entry

**To enter** you must be between the ages of 7 and 18. Anyone can enter and need not be present to win.

**Entry form:** Download a copy at [www.deepvalleybookfestival.com](http://www.deepvalleybookfestival.com).

**Rules:** Write a story in 1500 words or less. This year's theme: **Tradition**

**Tips:**

- Make sure you incorporate the theme into your story.
- Use spellcheck.
- Ask someone to proofread your story for spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

**Submission Information:** Place the completed entry form along with your story in a large manila envelope. Envelope should be marked Young Writers Competition with your name. Please do not fold your work. Number your pages and your name and age must be clearly written on the top of each page of the story.

This contest is open to ages 7-18 (age as of April 30) and will be judged in the following age categories:

- Ages 7-8
- Ages 9-10
- Ages 11-12
- Ages 13-14
- Ages 15-18

**Originality:** Your work must be original and unaided.

**Number of entries per person:** One entry per individual.

**Judging:** Entries will be judged by age category. Cash awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be presented at the Deep Valley Book Festival on October 5, 2024. In addition to cash awards, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will receive a copy of their work published in the 2024 YWAC Anthology. Check our website or Facebook page for any news about the competition.

**Publicity:** All entries along with the author's first name, age and town may be used in publicity. We reserve the right to publish the winning entries. Entries will not be returned. Please keep a copy of your work.

**Deadline for entries: April 30, 2024.**

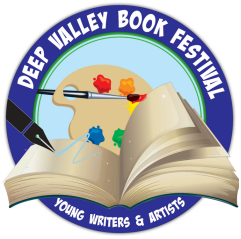
**Mail entry form to:**

DVBF Young Writer Competition  
424 Warren St.  
Mankato, MN 56001

**Drop off entries at:**

Blue Earth County Historical Society  
424 Warren St., Mankato  
Tues. – Fri. 10 am – 4 pm or Sat. 10 am – 4 pm

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## 2024 Entry Form

**Please print clearly**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Story Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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