



# 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.**

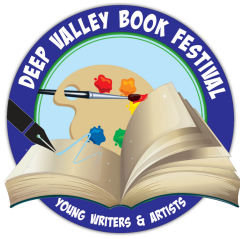
**Mail entry form to:**

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

*Deep Valley Book Festival* – [www.deepvalleybookfestival.com](http://www.deepvalleybookfestival.com)  
For more information, email: [rhanel@hickorytech.net](mailto:rhanel@hickorytech.net)



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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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# Deep Valley Young Artist Competition

## Rules of entry

Illustrate a scene from your favorite book!

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

**Size of artwork:** 8.5" x 11" Submit your work in a flat format **only**, it should not be rolled, folded or framed.

**Use of materials:** You may use any type of paper, white, colored, rough or smooth. You may use pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, pastel, watercolor, markers, crayons, acrylic or oil.

**Originality:** Your work must be original and unaided. Please do not copy an illustration from a book, the internet or another person.

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

**Illustration information:** Choose your favorite book and illustrate your favorite scene from this book. Find a quote from the book that best describes your illustration and record it on your entry form.

**Submission:** Completed entry form along with your artwork in a large manila envelope. Envelope should be marked Young Illustrator Competition with your name. Please do not fold your artwork. Name and age (as of April 30<sup>th</sup>) must be clearly written on the back of original artwork.

**Competition categories:** Categories are by age: 7-8 yrs, 9-10 yrs, 11-12 yrs, 13-14 yrs, and 15-18 yrs.

**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 artist's first name, age and town may be used in publicity. We reserve the right to publish and/or display the winning entries. Entries will not be returned. Please keep a copy of your work.

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

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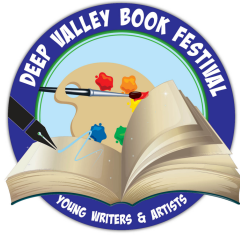
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Book title and author used for your illustration: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chapter title for the quote: \_\_\_\_\_

Quote used for your illustration: \_\_\_\_\_

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