**Braille Creative Writing Contest – Contest Rules**

* This contest is open to primary and secondary students who are blind or partially sighted and live in Canada.
* Entries are accepted between March 1 and May 31 each year. Entries which arrive after May 31 will not be accepted for the contest.
* Entries must be in braille and accompanied by a signed entry form.
* If you are emailing your entry, please send a file format which may be embossed by CNIB for braille marking, as marking for braille accuracy is an important component of this contest.
* Computer braille is accepted, but all braille contractions must represent the work of the student, not braille translation software.
* Use the braille you know. Entries may be in uncontracted, partially contracted or fully contracted braille. If an entry is in partially contracted braille, the student must also send a teacher's letter explaining which contractions have been taught to date; the teacher's letter may also explain any special circumstances.
* Braille accuracy and creativity will be given equal weighting during judging.
* The awarding of any and all prizes is at the discretion of the judges, and all decisions are final.
* CNIB may, at its discretion, publish the stories/poems submitted by the award winners of each category.

# **Prizes**

Up to $4,700 is available to be won!

## **Story/Essay**

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| **Group** | **1st** | **2nd** | **3rd** |
| One (Grade K-2) | $150 | $100 | $50 |
| Two (Grades 3-5) | $250 | $150 | $100 |
| Three (Grades 6-8) | $300 | $200 | $150 |
| Four (Grades 9-12) | $400 | $300 | $200 |

## **Poetry**

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| **Group** | **1st** | **2nd** | **3rd** |
| One (Grade K-2) | $150 | $100 | $50 |
| Two (Grades 3-5) | $250 | $150 | $100 |
| Three (Grades 6-8) | $300 | $200 | $150 |
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