



The Canadian Federation of University Women Aurora/ Newmarket
in partnership with Metroland Media, York Region



SHORT STORY CONTEST

Open to residents or full-time students in York Region
and Bradford/West Gwillimbury, 22 years and under

Entry Fee of \$10.00 must accompany the manuscript

*** * Cash Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200, \$25 * ***

TOPIC: A short story that begins with the words: “The message was clear”

Maximum of 750 words

Contest Entry Deadline: February 8, 2019

Winner to be announced early April 2019

Winning entries will be published in Metroland Media newspapers

How to enter:

- Read contest rules and directions on the following page carefully.
- Complete the entry form and include it with your submission.
- Pay the entry fee (cash or cheque payable to CFUW Aurora/Newmarket).
- Mail or deliver your entry to the Metroland Media offices in Newmarket.

CFUW Aurora/Newmarket with Metroland Media, York Region Short Story Contest

Contest Rules, Terms and Conditions:

- Entrants must reside or be full-time students in York Region or Bradford/ West Gwillimbury and be twenty-two years of age or under on the date of the contest entry deadline.
- Submitted material must be original and unpublished in any form and **must begin with the designated words**.
- All entries must be written on a computer or typewriter, double-spaced, and be **no more than 750 words**.
- The title and the word count must be printed on the first page of the story.
- The author's name must **not** appear anywhere on the story.
- The author's name, address, and telephone number must be on the separate entry form/cover page. The title and the word count must also be included on the entry form. **The entry form and the entry fee must accompany each submission. Please submit entry fee by cash or by cheque payable to CFUW Aurora/Newmarket.** Please send two copies of your submission. **No staples please.**
- If an entrant wishes acknowledgement that his/her story has been received, a stamped, self-addressed postcard may be enclosed with the entry.
- Entries must be mailed or dropped off. Faxed or emailed entries will not be accepted.
- Manuscripts will not be returned, but the writer retains all rights to his/her story.
- The winning entrants will be contacted by telephone.
- The winning entrants must be willing to have their stories published, in whole or in part, in the Metroland Media newspapers and website, and on the CFUW Aurora/Newmarket website.
- The winning entrants must be willing to have their photographs and biographical information published with their stories.
- Members of CFUW Aurora/Newmarket and their immediate family members, employees of Metroland Media and their immediate family members, judges and their immediate family members are ineligible to enter the contest.
- The first prize winner of last year's contest is ineligible.
- The contest committee reserves the right to cancel the contest at the discretion of the committee and the judges.
- Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges. The judges'/committee's decisions will be final.

Please mail or deliver* submissions to: Writing Contest,
c/o Metroland Media, 580-B Steven Court, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z2

*Note that there is a mail slot in the door for delivery of submissions when the offices are closed.

Entries must be **received** no later than **February 8, 2019**. Late entries will not be accepted.

******* PLEASE SEND 2 COPIES OF YOUR SUBMISSION *******

(one entry form only, and no staples, please)



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9th ANNUAL SHORT STORY CONTEST

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Entry Form/Cover Page

Please print clearly and sign. **Entry form (one only) must accompany each submission.**

Entry fee must accompany each submission (Cash or cheque payable to CFUW Aurora/Newmarket)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ POSTAL CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____

NAME OF SCHOOL (if applicable) _____

Up to Grade 8

Grade 9-12

College/University

Other

I LEARNED OF THE CONTEST FROM _____

TITLE _____ WORD COUNT _____

I declare that I am the true author and that this material is original and has never been published in any form. I agree to have my story published in the Metroland Media newspapers, accompanied by my photograph and a brief biography.

SIGNED _____

Checklist:



Two copies of story enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Typed, double-spaced, no more than 750 words	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entry fee of \$10 enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Title and word count on first page of story	<input type="checkbox"/>
No staples	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name appears only on entry form	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opening words of the story are: "The message was clear"			<input type="checkbox"/>