



# 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHORT STORY CONTEST

Open to full-time students in York Region and Bradford/West Gwillimbury

***New this year*** – a contest for elementary students!

**Now 2 divisions – Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12**

## CONTEST DETAILS

- **Entry fees:** \$5.00 for elementary students, \$10.00 for secondary students
- Payment must accompany story submission and registration form
- **Cash Prizes:** Gr. 6-8: \$150, \$100, \$50, \$10; Gr. 9-12: \$300, \$200, \$100, \$25
- **Contest Entry Deadline: February 24, 2020**
- Stories will be blind-judged; author's name must not be on the story
- Winners announced April 2020 and stories published in community newspapers

## TOPIC

- A short story (maximum 750 words) beginning with **“When did it all go wrong?”**

## HOW TO ENTER

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



## **Contest Rules, Terms and Conditions**

- Entrants must be full-time students in York Region or Bradford/ West Gwillimbury.
- Submitted material must be original, unpublished in any form and **must begin with the designated sentence**.
- All entries must be typed, 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.
- Include the following information on the entry form: author's name, address, telephone number, story title, and story word count. **A complete entry form and the entry fee must accompany each submission.**
- **Please submit entry fee by Interac e-transfer, cash or by cheque payable to CFUW Aurora/Newmarket (see entry form for e-transfer details).**
- Please send two individually stapled copies of your submission.
- 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 printed and online versions of the local community newspapers, 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, 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.
- The stories will be blind-judged, and prizes will be awarded based on literary merit. The judges'/committee's decisions are final.

Please mail or deliver submissions to CFUW 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 24, 2020**. Late entries will not be accepted.