

In partnership with Ville de Sherbrooke and Salon du livre de l'Estrie, Association des auteures et auteurs de l'Estrie (AAAE) proudly presents a brand new writing contest designed for Sherbrooke's amateur writers: ***"Sherbrooke's writings contest / Adult and youth categories"***.

The contest aims to highlight excellence and the talents among the Sherbrooke's community, encourage the region's next generation of writers, invigorate the cultural community and raise public awareness to local production.

TERMS OF ENTRY:

- To be eligible for the contest, entrant must be at least 12 years old and be a resident of Ville de Sherbrooke. Association des auteures et auteurs de l'Estrie and Salon du livre de l'Estrie employees and Board members, including their immediate family (brothers, sisters, children, father or mother), legal or common-law spouse, or anyone living in the same household are not eligible.

Note: A Ville de Sherbrooke resident is anyone who lives or works in town on a regular basis, or studies full-time in one of the institutions on its territory.

Youth category: 12 to 16 years old Adult category: 17 years and older

- Contest is open only to amateur writers, meaning that none of their work has ever been published by a recognized publishing house.
- There is a limit of one (1) entry per person, which must be between 7 and 10 pages and must respect the proposed theme. Both French and English texts are eligible.

2019 theme: KEEP ONE'S WORD

- Entries can be made in either of these genre:
 - . Fiction (story/tale, novella, fable)
 - . Theatre (sketch, skit, monologue)
 - . Poetry (poems, slam)
 - . Essay (letter, opinion piece, autobiography)
 - . Genre-based literature (fantasy, science-fiction, magic realism)
 - . Illustrated (comic book, illustrated novella, graphic short-story)

Note: An illustrated novella is a short piece accompanied by a few illustrations. Much like the graphic novel, the graphic short-story is a comic book written in prose, as a novella would be.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- To register, entrants must use the form, available through AAAE's website (www.aaestrie.ca).
- The text entry (PDF format document) must be attached to the form.
- The text must be between 7 and 10 pages and display a standard layout (Times 12, line spacing 1.5, regular margins)
- Registration period ends on August 30th 2019.

COMPOSITION OF THE JURY:

Under AAAE's authority, the jury will be made up of three individuals from the contest partners, including:

- Jury: A writer, member of and designated by AAAE.
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- Jury member: A person representing Salon du livre de l'Estrie.

All deliberations will also be observed by a representative of Ville de Sherbrooke.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Entries will be judged anonymously, according to the following criteria: quality, originality, subject treatment, style and compliance to the theme.

PRIZES:

	YOUTH CATEGORY		ADULT CATEGORY
1 st PRIZE	1 \$500 award 1 tablet computer 1 Antidote software 1 inscription to a writing workshop 1 publication on all three partners' websites	1 st PRIZE	1 \$1000 award 1 tablet computer 1 Antidote software 1 inscription to a writing workshop 1 publication on all three partners' websites
FINALISTS (2)	<u>Each finalist gets:</u> 1 \$150 award 1 Druide dictionary 1 inscription to a writing workshop 1 publication on all three partners' websites	FINALISTS (2)	<u>Each finalist gets:</u> 1 \$300 award 1 Druide dictionary 1 inscription to a writing workshop 1 publication on all three partners' websites

AWARDS CEREMONY:

Prizes, under the responsibility of AAAE and its partners, will be awarded during a ceremony, held within the Salon du livre de l'Estrie's regular programming.

For more information, individual interested in participating can contact:

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