

Writing Contest 2026

Writers of the Realm Literary Festival



Call for Submissions: Writers of the Realm Literary Festival

We're thrilled to announce that the Writers of the Realm Literary Festival will be coming to Fredericton, New Brunswick, on September 19th, 2026! Hosted by Sakura Blue Studios, which has been bringing creative events like this to cities across Canada for years, this festival marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in New Brunswick's literary arts scene.

We're inviting everyone who has a love for writing to submit their best **Short Story, Poem or Short Film Script** to our **Realm of Writing Contest**.

Writing Guidelines:

Short Stories: 1000–3500 words

Poems – one page

Short Film Scripts – 8 pages max

Between these three categories, age groups will be broken down as follows:

Ages: 12-17 (Youth)

Ages: 18 & Up (Adult)

There will also be an overall **judge's favourite** in each category too!

Winners will receive a prize and recognition for their work awarded at the festival.

ABOUT THE WRITERS OF THE REALM FESTIVAL: Our festival includes a daytime portion featuring authors, readings, vendors, a bookish scavenger hunt, contests, and more! Guests can also take part in workshops and panels designed to connect, inspire, and help grow the literary arts. Our evening entertainment is our ticketed 19+ Serenity Ball—a fantasy ball event with a live action cast, a mystical market, oracle readings, dancing, desserts and SO MUCH MORE!

This festival is more than just a celebration—it's a new home for the literary arts in Fredericton, and it will serve as a cornerstone in helping the creative community grow and thrive as part of New Brunswick's cultural fabric. With the Writers of the Realm Literary Festival, we hope to establish a gathering that nurtures creativity and supports local talent for years to come.

Submission deadline: June 1, 2026.

To Submit: Email your entry in a PDF document with the subject line **"Realm of Writing Contest 2026"** to Sakurabluestudios@gmail.com

In your email be sure to mention: your full name, phone number, city you live in, a short bio, the school you attend (for students only) and what inspired you to write your submission.

****You must live in New Brunswick to apply. ****