

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** for our **Realm of Writing Contest**. Entries must be no longer than 12 pages.

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

Ages: 12-17 (Youth)

Ages: 18 & Up (Adult)

We will also have an **overall best** in each category and a **judge's favourite!**

Winners will have the opportunity to read their work aloud at the festival (only if they want to) and receive a prize/recognition for their work.

Our festival includes a daytime portion featuring local 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.

As evening falls, step into the magic of our Fantasy Ball, (19+) a whimsical celebration where guests are invited to dress in formal outfits or costumes inspired by their favourite literary worlds and revel in an unforgettable night of dancing, oracle readings, interactive contests and enchantment.

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 an annual 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, email, phone, 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. ****