

Attention Aspiring Young Writers!

The Blackburn Community Association is hosting

a very short story competition!

Open to youth ages 11-17, as of December 31, 2021, who live or attend school in
Blackburn Hamlet.

This includes youth who live in Blackburn Hamlet who may attend online schools.

The contest will be divided into two categories:

ages 11-13 and ages 14-17.

Prizes

- 1st place in each category: \$50
- Two finalists in each category: \$25

The two winning short stories will be published in the February issue of the BANAR, and, space permitting, the stories of the four finalists may also be published. The winners and finalists will be decided by a panel of at least three well known writers in the Ottawa area. The decisions of the judges will be final.



How to Enter:

- Write an original, unpublished very short story in English between 95-100 words that reflects what it is like or what it means to be growing up in today's world
- Email your very short story as a PDF file attachment to youth@blackburnhamlet.ca. Your story should have a title and be presented as a plain written document (no graphics). The file attachment should be named as follows:
firstname_lastname_nameof school_your current age
(e.g. Sara_Smith_EmilyCarr_age10).
Those details should NOT appear in the text of the story document.

Deadline: 8pm on Thursday, January 20th, 2022

WANT HELP?

Subscribe to the BCA Very Short Story Competition Newsletter for writing tips and support along the way. Send an email request to youth@blackburnhamlet.ca to subscribe and we will send you writing tips and tricks every Wednesday while the competition is open.