

True Story Contest

Rules, Guidelines, & Topic Prompts

Contest Objectives:

- To engage the local population, students and adults alike, in writing and in the creative arts
- To create a special (online-only) event that is accessible to all local residents, regardless of health barriers and regardless of the varying COVID-related restrictions on events.
- To encourage local residents to think about the goals and topics that are the driving principles of our market, such as: sustainability, farming & growing food, arts & culture, skill-building (learning to paint, shape clay into pottery, learning to cook, etc.), etc.
- To promote local literacy.
- To promote local aspiring writers; to convert aspiring writers to 'published writers'.
- To inspire and engage youth.

Format: Non-Fiction (Personal Experience Short Story Writing)

Topics: Must reflect the endeavours of the Cedar Farmers Market.

Deadlines

Contest Open: October 7th, 2021

Contest Closed: November 30th, 2021 11:59 PM PST

Rules Overview

Submissions must be 1,000 - 2000 words.

Submissions must be in English.

Submissions must be original non-fiction, written by the submitter.

Submissions must not be previously published short stories.

Rights

Participants retain rights to their submissions.

Participants grant us (Cedar Farmers Market) allowance to share their short stories online, both on our website and on our various social media platforms.

Participation is open to all residents of Ladysmith, the City of Nanaimo, and the Greater Regional District of Nanaimo.

Entry Fee: None

Submissions per person per year: 1

Other Restrictions:

Cedar Farmers Market 2021 Vendors, staff, guest judges, and volunteers; and their employees, household members, and immediate family members are not eligible to participate.

Prize Awards:

Grand Prize: \$400

1st Runner-Up: \$200

2nd Runner-Up: \$150

Best U-19: \$100

Note: Grand Prize is open to all ages. In theory, a student/youth would be eligible for both the U-19 prize as well as one of three top prizes.