

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING ON TRACK COMPETITION

Theme: Every story submitted for the SeedsHouse Story Writing Competition must adhere to a specified theme. Clearly define the theme and base your stories on it.

Word Limit: Stories should be between 3000 and 12000 words in length. Please adhere to the specified word count.

Language: All stories must be written in the English language.

Originality: Submissions must be original and unpublished works. Plagiarism or any form of copyright infringement will lead to immediate disqualification.

Submission Format: Stories should be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12, with double line spacing. Please submit your entry in PDF or Word document format, along with a cover letter. The cover letter should include the writer's name, age, title of the story or stories being submitted, word count of each story, national identity of the writer(s), confirmation of the originality of the work, and parental consent if the writer is under 13 years of age.

Submission Deadline: All entries must be submitted through the SEEDS online submission portal during the submission window, which is open twice a year in July and December

Eligibility: The competition is open to individuals between the ages of 9 to 25 years. Participants must fall within this age range at the time of submission.

Judging Criteria: Stories will be evaluated based on creativity, originality, plot development, character development, writing style, adherence to the theme, and overall impact.

Judging Process: A panel of experienced writers and literary experts will review and judge the entries anonymously. Their decision will be final.

Winner Selection: Winners will be selected based on the highest scores awarded by the judges. There will be three age categories: 9-12 years, 13-18 years, and 19-25 years. The top three stories from each category will be awarded.

Prizes: This will include cash prizes, publication opportunities and certificates.

Rights and Permissions: Participants retain full rights to their stories. However, by submitting an entry, participants grant SeedsHouse the non-exclusive right to publish and promote their stories on the SeedsHouse website and associated platforms, with proper attribution.

Publication: Selected stories may be published on the SeedsHouse website, social media channels, or other platforms. Authors will be acknowledged and credited for their work.

Contact Information: For any questions or clarifications, please contact us at info@seedshouse.org.

Promotion and Marketing: SeedsHouse may use excerpts or quotes from the submitted stories for promotional and marketing purposes, giving proper attribution to the authors.

Terms and Conditions:

- Stories must be suitable for a general audience, free from explicit or offensive content.
- Participants are responsible for ensuring their submissions do not infringe upon any third-party rights.
- SeedsHouse reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not comply with the guidelines or fail to meet the eligibility criteria.
- Decisions made by the judges and SeedsHouse are final and binding.
- SeedsHouse is not responsible for any technical issues or errors that may occur during the submission process.

Privacy and Data Protection: Participant information collected during the competition will be used solely for the purpose of the competition and will be handled in accordance with relevant data protection regulations. Participants' personal information will be kept confidential and will not be shared with third parties.

Amendments and Updates: SeedsHouse reserves the right to make amendments or updates to the guidelines or terms if necessary. Participants will be notified of any changes through the provided contact information.

We encourage participants to unleash their imagination and weave captivating stories. Let your creativity soar and bring your unique ideas to life through storytelling. Good luck!