

SHOUT OUT!

STORYTELLING COMPETITION

[UNBREAKABLE]

Entries open Tuesday 1 August and close Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Entries are to be submitted in one of two categories: Youth (ages 12–17) or Open (18+).

Entry to the competition is open to Australian Residents who are aged 12 and over, and live, work or study in the Western Downs region.

Entries can be in written or audio format: no more than 500 words / 5 minutes (Youth) or 1,000 words / 10 minutes (Open).

Exceeding the word or time limit will result in disqualification.

Entries must be submitted through the online form on our website. Stories must pertain to the theme 'unbreakable'.

While you may enter the Competition more than once, you cannot win more than one prize.

Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must never have been previously published, in print or online, or broadcast, or have won a prize in another writing competition. Any entry found to have been plagiarised will be disqualified.

All entries will be read by a panel of Western Downs Regional Council staff who will select a shortlist. The shortlist will be presented to and read by a panel of judges who will select three finalists from each category (six finalists total). The judge's decision is final, and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into. An overall Youth and Open winner will be selected and announced at Words Out West: Western Downs Readers & Writers Fest 2024.

Each finalist will have their story professionally produced into a short video. Finalist videos will be premiered, and prize money awarded at Words Out West, March 2024.

Finalists will also be awarded with a 12-month membership to Queensland Writers Centre and

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admission to the Brisbane Children's Writers Festival (Youth) or the Words Out West Festival Day (Open).

Finalists will be notified prior to this. Entrants will not be contacted individually about the competition results unless they are selected as Finalists. Finalists may be required to participate in media opportunities.

Authors retain the copyright of their work and agree to grant Western Downs Regional Council an irrevocable non-lapsing licence to use, reproduce, and publish their stories on its event website and other media, and for the use in any further relevant marketing/promotional materials.

Any entrant wishing to withdraw a story from the competition before the closing date of 31 October 2023 can do so by notifying us in writing at library@wdrc.qld.gov.au.

Entry implies an acceptance of all the rules of the Shout Out! Youth Storytelling Competition. Entries that fail to comply with the entry rules and requirements may be disqualified.

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Entrants must have parental consent to enter, unless the entrant is already 18 years old at the time of entry. The entrant's parent or guardian warrants that the work submitted is original and does not infringe the copyright, moral rights or other rights of any third party, and that the entrant owns all rights and interests in the work submitted and they have their parent or guardian's permission to enter the competition. Failure to provide a parent or guardian's consent may deem the entry ineligible.

Please note: organisers reserve the right to suspend the competition if an adequate amount of entries is not received.

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