

ALICE B. WILSON

LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST

January 2, 2025 – February 16, 2025

Official Rules

- The contest is open to all students in grades 6-12 who live in or attend school in Brighton.
- Students may compete in the Junior Division (grades 6-9) or the Senior Division (grades 10-12).
- Each division has fiction, non-fiction, and poetry categories.
- One first prize of \$50, one second prize of \$25, and up to four \$10 honorable mention prizes will be awarded in the three categories in each division, provided the judges feel an award is justified.
- The criteria of judging are originality, clarity of ideas, and English usage.
- Subject matter is unrestricted.
- Entries must be originals written by the contestant.
- Prose may be a maximum of eight pages.
- Entries must be printed on 8.5" x 11" paper in minimum 12-point font with standard margins. Single or double-spaced entries will be accepted.
- The title and page numbers must appear at the top of each page.
- For equity in judging, no other personal identifying data may appear on any pages other than the cover page (see below).
- **Contestants must provide four printed, single-sided copies of each entry and a separate cover page.**
- **The cover page must include: title; contestant's name, complete address, and phone number; contestant's school and grade; and if the entry is fiction, non-fiction, or poetry.**
- A maximum of two entries in poetry and two entries in prose (for a total of four entries combined) will be accepted from each contestant.
- No more than one award will be given in each of the poetry and prose categories to a single contestant (for example, if one person enters two poems, only one can win a prize).
- To receive a list of the winning entries, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). Entrants who do not enclose an SASE will not receive individual notification regarding their entries unless they are awarded a prize.
- Winners will be posted on our website in April 2025.
- Entries must be submitted by Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 4 p.m.
- Entries must be mailed or delivered to: Brighton Memorial Library, 2300 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14618
- Questions? Contact Deena Viviani, Young Adult Services Librarian: 585-784-5342 or deena.viviani@libraryweb.org.

We look forward to reading your work!