

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY – CUMBERLAND YOUNG WRITERS

### The Promoter

1. The Promoter is Cumberland Council  
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Office: 16 Memorial Avenue, Merrylands  
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### Conditions of Entry

1. Information on how to enter and prizes form part of these Conditions of Entry. Entry into this promotion is deemed acceptance of these Conditions of Entry by each entrant.
2. Entry is open to students from 8 to 18 years old who live in or attend school in the Cumberland City Council LGA or are members of the Council library service.
3. The Promoter reserves the right to verify the eligibility of entrants. The Promoter may require such information as it considers reasonably necessary for this purpose and a prize may be withheld unless and until the Promoter is satisfied with the verification.

### Duration of Promotional Period

1. Entries will open 10 March 2025.
2. Entries will close 18 July 2025.

### How to Enter

1. Eligible entrants can enter the competition by submitting their story, poem or graphic short story which will be submitted with this entry form.
2. Entries must be received by the Promoter during the promotional period.

### Draw Details

1. The winner will be announced 25 August 2025. The winner will be contacted by a representative from Cumberland Council.
2. If any prize is declined, or the winner cannot be contacted within a reasonable time, a supplementary winner may be selected by the Promoter.

### Prize Details

1. The prizes will consist of vouchers to a bookstore. Amounts will vary based on finalist position and age category.
2. The Promoter will not be liable for any loss of prize or voucher expiry.



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## Cumberland Young Writers Award 2025

**Cumberland City Council Libraries, in partnership with the Library Committee, are excited to announce the annual Cumberland Young Writers Award.**

The competition will be open to students from 8 to 18 years old who live in or attend schools in the Cumberland City Council LGA or are members of the Council library service. The competition provides opportunities for young writers and illustrators to showcase their talents.



Entries Information

Competition will be judged and awarded in the following categories:

- 8 to 11 years old
- 12 to 14 years old
- 15 to 18 years old

**Entries will open 10 March 2025 and close 18 July 2025.**

Works could be:

- Short stories (maximum 500 words)
- Poetry (maximum 30 lines)
- Graphic short story (maximum 10 pages)

All entries will complete a work using the images provided for the age groups. There will be one (1) image provided for each age group to provide inspiration for the works.

Entries are judged on originality, creativity, construction, and use of language. An independent panel will be assembled that will judge the works. Four finalists are chosen in each age group.

Program Information

Cumberland City Council Libraries will be working with award winning author Christopher Cheng to run workshops for students who are interested in learning to write. Christopher Cheng will run workshops on the following dates:

- **8 to 11 years old**  
Tue 8 July 11am to 12noon  
Auburn Library
- **12 to 14 years old**  
Tue 8 July 1pm to 2:30pm  
Auburn Library
- **15 to 18 years old**  
Thu 10 July 11:30am to 1pm  
Merrylands Library

Images to be used in works as inspiration

8 – 11 YEARS OLD



12 – 14 YEARS OLD



15 – 18 YEARS OLD



Awards

Awards will be presented to one (1) winner, one (1) runner-up and two (2) highly commended in each age group and type of work.

Finalists from each category will have their works published in a book and added to the library collection. Full names of finalists will be published and may be made available online and to the public. All participants will be given a participation award for recognition of the work.




Bookings for the workshops are essential.  
To make a booking, please scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/young-writers-award](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/young-writers-award)

Entrant Information

Name	
Age	
Library Card Number	
Phone Number	
Email	

- Entries will open 10 March 2025 and close 18 July 2025.
- Entries can be returned to any of our eight libraries.
- We cannot return entries so please ensure that a copy is made before submission.
- Please securely attach your story to this entry form.

 Please find the Condition of Entry on the back page.