



Refugees & Human Rights Child & Youth Poetry Contest – Information Sheet

Topic: Refugees and Human Rights

Eligibility: This contest is open to students in Grades 4-12 who are attending school in Ontario. Poems can be written in French or English with a maximum of 24 lines. Awards will be given based on the following three grade categories for a total of three first prizes: Group I grades 4-5-6, Group II grades 7-8, Group III grades 9-10-11-12. Current employees or relatives of COSTI Immigrant Services are not eligible to enter the contest.

Prizes: COSTI Immigrant Services will publish the winning poems on its website. Each category will be awarded a first, second and third prize.

Decisions: Judges will be members of COSTI Immigrant Services and others to be announced. Entries will be judged on the basis of originality, creative imagination, characterization, artistic quality, adherence to the topic and rules established for the contest. All decisions of the judges are final.

Fees: No entry fees and no purchases of any kind required to enter and win the contest.

Rights: All poems remain the property of the artist. By submitting a poem for this contest, the artist grants permission to COSTI Immigrant Services to publish the poem, profile contest participants, and use submitted materials in any manner related to refugee and human rights promotion, including for World Refugee Day. COSTI Immigrant Services is under no obligation to publish any contest entries. The artist is under no obligation to purchase a copy of the publication in which the poem may appear.

Notification: All prize winners will be notified and posted at www.costi.org.

Winners will be announced on World Refugee Day – June 20, 2021, for prize awards and photo/interview opportunity. Children younger than 16 will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult that can authorize and sign on their behalf.

For further information or enquiries contact: communications@costi.org

How to enter the contest: Please submit only one original poem, 24 lines or fewer, on the subject or any aspect of “Refugees and Human Rights”, in any style.

Deadline for entries: April 19, 2021. Please mail or email your poem to the following address:

**Refugees & Human Rights
Child & Youth Poetry Contest
1710 Dufferin Street
Toronto, ON M6E 3P2
Email: communications@costi.org**



REFUGEES & HUMAN RIGHTS CHILD & YOUTH POETRY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

PARTICIPANT FIRST NAME:		PARTICIPANT LAST NAME:	
SCHOOL:			
SCHOOL GRADE:		AGE:	
TEACHER:		TEACHER – TELEPHONE & EMAIL:	
STUDENT HOME ADDRESS (PLEASE INCLUDE CITY AND POSTAL CODE)			
TELEPHONE:		FAX:	EMAIL:
POEM TITLE:			
POEM (24 lines or fewer)			
CONSENT I hereby declare that the attached poem is my original work and that all rights to this poem are mine. I am entering this poem as an honest and true effort of my personal creativity and unique artistic vision. By submitting a poem for this contest, the artist grants permission to COSTI Immigrant Services to publish the poem, profile contest participants, and use submitted materials in any manner related to refugee and human rights promotion, including for World Refugee Day. I give COSTI Immigrant Services permission to photograph, videotape, make an audiotape of, film and/or interview myself and to publish said photographs, videotapes, audiotapes, films and/or interviews in COSTI and other COSTI publications/materials, including marketing and promotional materials and official websites and social media for current and future use for the purpose of carrying out the mission of COSTI.			
PARTICIPANT SIGNATURE:		DATE:	
NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: (PLEASE PRINT)			
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:		DATE:	

**Deadline Entry: April 26, 2021. Please email or mail your poem to:
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