

LitLinks 2024

DATES & DEADLINES

Entries close at midnight on
Friday, 13 September, 2024
Week 8, Term 3

Winners announced in
Term 4

*LitLinks is a creative writing competition open to all
ACT school students in years 7-12 and their teachers*

LitLinks is presented by the ACT Association for the Teaching of English, and was established in 2008 in cooperation with Paperchain Bookstore, Manuka, who will be our major sponsor again in 2024.

The focus of the competition is **short stories** in any genre. All entries must be original works and unpublished. The word count should be in the range of 400-1,500 words.

Entry is free and schools may submit up to five entries for each category:

- Years 7-8
- Years 9-10
- Years 11-12
- Teachers as Writers

To be considered for judging, entries must comply with the required word count range and be proofread to a publication standard. Original artwork may be included.

Prizes

Prizes include book vouchers from Paperchain Bookstore, passes to the Canberra Writers' Festival in 2025, Marion memberships and LitLinks certificates for all entrants, with a prize pool of \$6,000.

Judging

Winner, highly commended, judges' choice and speculative fiction awards will be determined for each category. ACTATE has formed a panel of highly qualified educators and writers to serve as competition judges:

- Emma Batchelor (Author, Chair - MARION, ACT Chief Minister's Reading Challenge ambassador)
- Christina Cochrane (English teacher, ACTATE member, educational consultant)
- Dennis Flannery (English teacher, ACTATE life member, former president, school principal)
- Sandra Lambert (English teacher, ACTATE member, school principal)
- Katy Mutton (MARION CEO, writing and publishing industry advocate)
- Teresa Nugent (Early childhood, speech and drama teacher, ACTATE member, reading and writing advocate)
- Janet Rickwood (English teacher, ACTATE life member, former president, school principal)
- Madeleine Rutzou (English teacher, ACTATE member)
- Jenine Westerburg (English teacher, ACTATE member, tertiary supervisor, writing advocate)

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Entry Guidelines

The contact person in the school may submit up to 5 entries for each category, accompanied by the completed entry form for each student. Only one entry is permitted per student / teacher.

Entries must be submitted as electronic files in .docx or .doc format (no PDFs or Google Doc Links please). Do not include rationales. All files will be de-identified before judging.

For administration purposes, electronic files should be named by the title of the work.

Only entries accompanied by a completed entry form (below) that confirms acknowledgment of the entrant's agreement to the terms and conditions will be accepted.

Submitting Entries

Submit entries via email to: info@actlitlinks.com.au.

Terms and Conditions of Entry

The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

All submitted work (including artwork/photography) must be their own original work and all entrants must agree that their entries do not contain any material that infringes the rights of anyone else. Entrants must not use AI tools such as ChatGP to generate any part of their short story or artwork. Artworks may be created by another student/person, as long as the work is original and acknowledged.

All entrants agree to their stories being published on the Litlinks Website, and to ACTATE using them in teaching and learning resources.

Complete the Entry Form and submit with each story:

NAME:

SCHOOL:

YEAR GROUP:

CONTACT EMAIL:

TITLE OF ENTRY:

Entrant Declaration:

By submitting this form, I confirm that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of entry and accept the judges' decision as final. I also declare that all material (including artwork/photography) is **my own original unpublished work** and does not infringe the rights of anyone else. I have acknowledged any original artworks created by another student/person.