



Instructions for Literary Submissions

Once your school is registered, we will accept submissions from 2 November 2026 to 15 January 2027. All submissions must be original works inspired by this year's theme. Each student may submit either a literary entry or a cover art entry (not both).

To submit your students' work, please follow the guide below. Do not insert pictures, custom backgrounds, or borders into text documents, as these do not contribute to marks and will be removed. The HKYWA team will manage the publishing layout to ensure all entries look attractive and consistent in the final publications.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & AI POLICY

- The Hong Kong Young Writers Awards is a celebration of authentic student creativity. The use of generative AI tools (such as ChatGPT or other chatbots) to brainstorm, draft, or generate content is strictly prohibited.
- Students must self-edit their work. Basic spell-checkers may be used for spelling and minor grammar fixes.
- **Note on AI Detection:** Advanced writing assistants like Grammarly can trigger false positives on AI detection software. We strongly recommend students rely on standard built-in spell-checkers instead.
- Any submission found to contain AI-generated text will be disqualified.
- **Student Declaration:** Students must use the HKYWA Template for literary submissions which has a declaration that no AI tools have been used.

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DOCUMENT FORMATTING GUIDELINES

- All Word documents must be formatted in **10-point Times New Roman** font with **single line spacing**.
- Documents must contain **only the title and the body text** of the student's work. To ensure unbiased judging, do not include student names, teacher names, or school names anywhere inside the document itself.
- Each attached Word document must follow this exact naming convention: School Name, Student's Full Name, Category & Group.doc (Example: Hong Kong School, Young Writer, Fiction Group 4.doc)

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Teachers must attach the completed Submission Form spreadsheet (Excel format provided) containing details for every submitted entry:
 - School Name
 - Student Last Name
 - Chinese Name & English Name (Please verify spelling, as this exact name will appear on certificates)
 - Student Age
 - Submission Title
 - Category and Group
 - Teacher Name
 - Filename (e.g., *Hong Kong School, Young Writer, Fiction Group 4.doc*)
- Email all student entries in Word document format (.doc or .docx) from your registered teacher email to hkywa@ppp.com.hk in a single email.
- Submission limits per teacher/form:
 - Up to **10** English entries
 - Up to **10** Chinese Poetry entries
 - Up to **10** Chinese Calligraphy entries
- Punctuation & Spacing Check:** Please ensure all filenames and spreadsheet entries strictly follow standard spacing and comma rules.[AP2.1]
- Submissions must be sent from your registered email address. By submitting your students' work, you confirm that all entries are entirely their own original creation and have been produced without the use of generative artificial intelligence tools.**

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission deadline 15th January 2027.**