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ACT ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
TEACHING OF ENGLISH

ACTATE presents a creative  
writing competition for ACT school students  
in Years 7 - 12 and their teachers



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ELEVATING WRITERS & THEIR ART



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## WRITE A SHORT STORY IN ANY GENRE

All entries must be original and unpublished works. Word count:  
400 -1,500 words.

Entry is free and schools may submit up to 5 entries for each category:  
Years 7-8, Years 9-10, Years 11-12 and Teachers as Writers.

## GET PUBLISHED

Winning stories will be published on the LitLinks website.

Read previous winners' entries @ [www.actlitlinks.com.au](http://www.actlitlinks.com.au)

## WIN GREAT PRIZES

Winner, highly commended, judges' choice, speculative fiction and  
writing encouragement awards in each category.

Prizes include book vouchers, passes to the Canberra Writers Festival  
in 2027 and certificates for all entrants, with a prize pool of \$8,500.

## DATES & DEADLINES

Entries close at midnight on  
Friday, 11 September, 2026  
Week 8, Term 3

Winners announced  
in Term 4.

**CONTACT**  
YOUR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Visit [www.actlitlinks.com.au](http://www.actlitlinks.com.au) to read winning entries and find out more