

SSPAN 2016

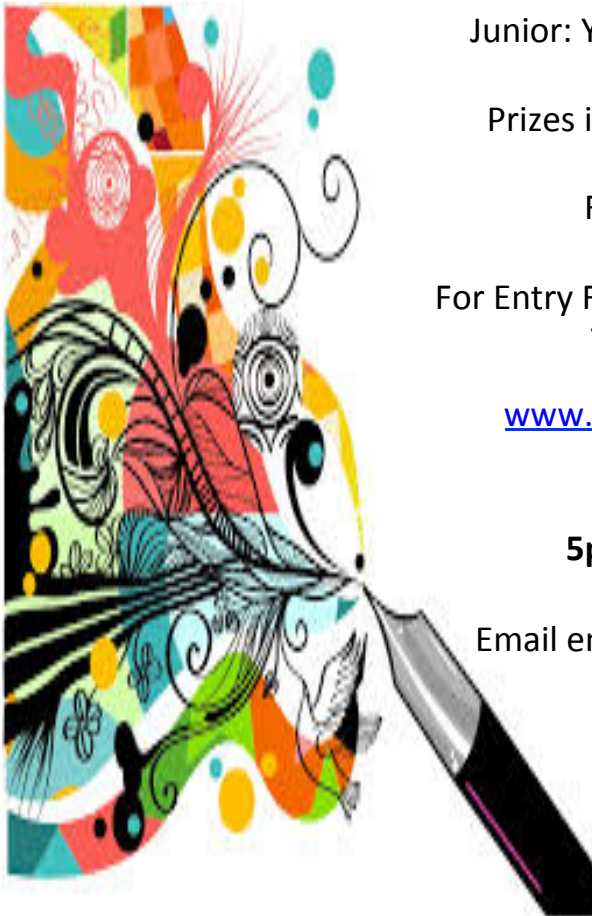
Young Writers' Award



To mark October Mental Health Month, 2016, we invite young people, from Years 7 to 12 In the Shoalhaven to submit either one poem and/or one short story, not exceeding 50 lines of poetry or 750 short story words.

Your writing must address the 2016 theme:
'Learn and Grow'

Learning about mental health empowers all of us to take an active approach to improving our own wellbeing and that of others.



Junior: Years 7, 8, 9 Senior: Years 10, 11, 12

Prizes include a trophy, certificate and cheque
for each age group:

First \$100, Second \$75, Third \$50

For Entry Form, conditions of entry and ideas to start
you off, go to www.sspan.org.au

For more on the theme see
www.mentalhealthmonth.wayahead.org.au

Entries must be received by
5pm on Friday 16 September 2016.

Email entries to sspanyoungwriters@gmail.com

For enquiries email as above
or phone 0412 051 444

Prizes will be presented in October



SSPAN Young Writers' Award Official Entry Form 2016

Each piece of writing should be in font Times New Roman 12 and must be accompanied by this completed form. If you are submitting a poem and a story you will need a separate form for each.

Submit your poem/short story as a separate attachment to sspanyoungwriters@gmail.com

Use the title of your poem/short story as the file name.

The only identification should be the title of your work. Do not write your name on the work itself. Receipt of your entry will be acknowledged by email.

To complete this entry form, either:

1. **Print out, complete details, scan and attach with your entry and email to sspanyoungwriters@gmail.com**

Or

2. **Print out, complete details and post to:**

SSPAN Youth Writers' Award,
PO Box 421, Nowra, NSW 2541

First Name		Last Name	
Age		Date of Birth	
Title of your work			
Prose word length		OR	Lines of poetry
Address			
Your contact email		School	
Phone number			

I declare that this is my original work and that I accept all conditions of entry as noted on the SSPAN website (www.sspan.org.au).

By signing this you are also giving permission for your work to be published if successful.

Signature of student

Name and Signature of/parent/guardian/teacher

Date

Date

SSPAN Young Writers' Award: Details of Entry

Terms and Conditions of Entry

- Entries must be received by 5pm, 16th September 2016.
- Entry is free.
- All entrants must be students in the Shoalhaven.
- Entries must be the original work of the entrant and address the annual theme of October Mental Health Month each year.
- Entries must be unpublished at the time of submission and remain unpublished until after the Awards Presentation in October 2016.
- There is a limit of one entry per person in each category
- Any entry that does not adhere to the word limit is ineligible.
- SSPAN reserves the right to retain and publish copies of the winning entries in the SSPAN Young Writers' Award annual anthology, and/or on the SSPAN web site.
- Any story that includes strong language or adult themes may not be included in the anthology.
- Copyright remains with the author.
- The judges reserve the right not to award a prize in a category if they deem no entry is of sufficient merit to warrant the prize.
- The judges' decisions will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
- Students whose immediate family members are also members of SSPAN are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Failure to meet any of the conditions will render entries ineligible.
- All entries will be accepted at the discretion of the SSPAN Young Writers' Award Committee, which will exercise its judgment in ruling on questions of eligibility. The ruling of the Committee on questions of eligibility is final, and no further correspondence will be entered into.

Privacy Statement

- The personal information collected on the entry form will be used by SSPAN for purposes of the Young Writers' Award.
- SSPAN will not disclose this information unless specifically required by law or with the entrant's consent.
- The entrant or the entrant's parent or guardian may apply to SSPAN for access to and/or correction of the personal information collected. Such requests should be made to the SSPAN Young Writers' Award Coordinator.
- Where a prize-winning entry is published as permitted under the Award's conditions, the author's name and state of residence (or school if applicable) will also be published by way of accreditation unless the author or the author's parent or guardian advises in writing that he/she or they do not wish to have the name published. No further information will be disclosed without consent.

Winning Entries in Print

Each year an anthology of winning entries, together with judges' comments, would be published. Winning entries in 2016 will be published in the SSPAN Young Writers' Award Anthology 2016.

Copies of the SSPAN Young Writers' Award Anthology 2016 will be available for purchase or to borrow from the Shoalhaven Libraries Service.

Entrants who win, or are highly commended in the SSPAN Young Writers' Award 2016, will receive a complimentary copy of the 2016 anthology.

Winners in addition to having their entry published in the annual anthology, may be invited to read their stories at schools functions or at one of the Shoalhaven Public Libraries and have them displayed as part of the SSPAN aim to promote mental fitness, resilience and courage in adversity.

For more information, email the Young Writers' Award Coordinator at sspanyoungwriters@gmail.com