SHORT STORY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM - 2027

Organised by the Cambridge Autumn Festival.
The competition opens 16 November 2026 and is free to enter.
All entries must be received by 5.00pm Tuesday 2 February 2027.
There is no theme - write about any topic you wish!

YOUR DETAILS

First Name : _____ Last Name : _____

Address : _____

Phone : _____ Email : _____

Your Age : (optional) _____ Word Count : _____

Short Story Title : _____ Date Submitted : _____

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

☐ I have read and accepted the terms and conditions of entry and confirm that this entry meets the requirements.

FULL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Entry is open only to living, New Zealand permanent residents. (Winners will be asked to provide proof of residency.)
2. There is no specific theme - write about any topic you wish. Stories must be typed in English. Stories must be the author's original work. Entrants must not use artificial intelligence (AI) tools or plagiarised content to produce their story. Stories must not have been published before, or submitted for publication or entered into another competition before the Cambridge Autumn Festival Short Story Competition winners are announced on 11 March 2027. Please do not include your name on the manuscript itself.
3. Stories are to be fiction and maximum 1500 words. All manuscripts are to have double-line spacing.
4. An entrant can submit more than one story (maximum 2 stories) but each story must be supplied individually with a completed entry form. The stories must be submitted by the author. Entries are to be received no later than 5.00pm Tuesday 2 February 2027. Manuscripts will not be returned to entrants. We prefer entries are submitted with the online entry form on the www.cambridgeautumnfestival.co.nz website. If this is not possible, please post with a printed entry form to Cambridge Autumn Festival Short Story Competition, c/- Cambridge Autumn Festival, PO Box 369, Cambridge 3450. Download the printed entry form from the www.cambridgeautumnfestival.co.nz website.
5. Employees and immediate family of Good Local Media and the Cambridge Autumn Festival organisers are ineligible to enter.
6. The three winners will be contacted by phone. The winning entries will be announced 11 March 2027 at the Cambridge Autumn Festival and on the Cambridge Autumn Festival website and Facebook page.
7. First prize is $1000, second prize is $500 and third prize is $250. Cambridge Autumn Festival reserves the right during 2027 to publish the winning stories without further compensation. Stories remain the property of the entrant.
8. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Judging comments on individual stories will not be provided. However, after the winners have been announced, the shortlisted entrants will be advised that they were in the judges' shortlist.
9. By entering the competition, entrants agree to the competition's terms and conditions.