



Youth Poetry Contest!

This year the Blackburn Community Association (BCA) will be hosting its first ever poetry prize: **The 2021 BCA Poetry Prize.**

WHAT: Submit an **original, unpublished poem**, in English or French, up to 200 words in length with no minimum word requirement. The poem should reflect **some aspect of the meaning or consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

WHEN: The competition is now open for submissions! You have until **8pm on Thursday, October 7, 2021** to submit your poem.

WHO: All children who were **9 - 11 years old as of December 31, 2020** and who **live or attend school in Blackburn Hamlet.**

HOW: Submit your poem as a PDF file by email to **youth@blackburnhamlet.ca**. The file should be named as follows:

FirstName.LastName.NameofSchool.CurrentAge (e.g. Sara.Smith.EmilyCarr.age10). These details should **NOT** appear in the text of the poem document.

WHO IS JUDGING: The shortlist and winner will be decided by **a panel of at least three poets**. The decisions of the judges will be final.

WHAT YOU CAN WIN: The winner will receive **\$75** and three finalists will each receive **\$25** from the BCA. The winning poem and the three finalists' poems will be **published in the November 2021 issue of the BANAR**. If space does not permit, some of the finalists' poems will be published in the following issue of the BANAR.

WANT HELP: Subscribe to the **BCA Poetry Prize newsletter for writing tips and support along the way**. Send an email request to **youth@blackburnhamlet.ca** to subscribe and we will send you writing tips and tricks every Wednesday while the competition is open.



First prize:
\$75