

PAKARAIMA WRITERS ASSOCIATION
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Poetry-Prose Competition

Through the generous support of patrons, the Pakaraima Writers Association is exhilarated to announce a Poetry-Prose Competition which is being held in 2018 in Ontario, Canada. Participants must be of the first generation Guyanese Canadians attending full-time Grade 11 or Grade 12 Secondary School. Participants are asked to compose their poems or prose depicting how they see/feel being a descendant of Guyanese heritage.

Submission Guidelines

Deadline: Entries must be submitted by **June 15, 2018**

Format: Written in a word document. For this competition, please put the title of your poem, your name, email address and other contact information on the poem/prose itself. Must be double-spaced.

Length of Poem: The Poem must be double spaced and **no longer than 20 lines.**

Length of Prose: The Prose must be double spaced and **between 250 to 300 words.**

Age Eligibility: Contestants must High School Students **between the ages of 16 to 18.**

Residence Location: Contestants must reside in Ontario, Canada.

All entries must be original and a theme depicting a Guyana-Canada experience. Poems must be unpublished (including the internet).

Copyright: Authors retain the copyright of their work.

Submission method: Written word document of the poem/prose must to be submitted by email to:

pakaraimawriters@gmail.com

Judges: The Poem or Prose will be judged based on such criteria as creativity, artistic style, content, i.e. in terms of Guyanese Canadian heritage/culture, i.e. what it means to have been born and raised in Canada with a background of Guyanese heritage.

Prizes:

- **First Prize** – **\$200 plus a Winner's Plaque and copies of an author's books**
- **Second Prize** – **\$100 plus a Certificate of Achievement and copies of an author's books**
- **Honorary Recognition – Certification of Recognition**

Announcement of Winners: Winners will be announced September, 2018 (the date of the event will be announced at a later date) at the Pakaraima Literary Luncheon to be held in Toronto, Ontario.

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