



Dot Shaw

YOUNG WRITER'S COMPETITION

The competition is in memory of Dorothy Evelyn Shaw, whose advocacy for Deaf children to have equitable access to learning literacy is legendary.

She is a source of inspiration for many and contributed significantly to the Deaf community, not least her final request that donations be made in lieu of flowers to Deaf Resources Australia (DRA). DRA decided to establish this writing competition as a tribute to her memory.

Since its inception in 1992, the response to this competition has been very popular. All entrants are issued with a certificate of recognition and winners will receive cash prizes.



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Deaf Australia is excited to announce that Dorothy Shaw Young Writers Competition (DSYWC) for young Deaf and hard of hearing people is BACK again for 2024!

Theme for 2024

Surprise! Your choice from one of two prompts:

- Imagine you're a deaf person playing in the park, and guess what? You find a shiny gold envelope! What do you think happens next in this exciting adventure?
- Wow! One day, you become the very first Deaf Prime Minister of Australia. What awesome things would you want to do after getting this super cool job?



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The deadline for entries will be on
18 October 2024 at 11.59pm AEST

Competition Categories

Prep / Kindy

Primary: Year 1 - Year 3

Upper Primary: Year 4 - Year 6

Secondary: Year 7 - Year 9

Upper Secondary: Year 10 - Year 12

Eligibility: Deaf or hard of hearing students
(prep to year 12) who lives in Australia.

For more information:

www.deafaustalia.org.au/dot-shaw-young-writers-competition/



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Terms and Conditions

- Entry is free.
- One entry per student.
- The story needs to be entry's work with a clear beginning, middle and end.
- The story must be original and imaginative.
- The story is limited to 1000 words.
- The official entry form must be filled in completely for each entry.
- Entries will not be returned.
- Late entries will not be accepted.
- No responsibility will be accepted for late or lost entries.
- The judging panel's decision will be final.
- Winners will receive an invitation to the virtual awards ceremony prior to Deaf Australia's AGM.
- Winners' stories will be published on Deaf Australia's website, newsletter, and social media platforms (only first name and year level of the student will be used).