



School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

Young Authors' Conference Grades 4-12 (In-person at TRU May 3)

2024 Manuscript Criteria

- ❖ manuscripts are required for students attending the conference in person
- ❖ manuscripts must feature an **original** work (English or French)
 - one prose (short fiction, creative nonfiction, or or excerpt from a larger work)
 - one script (act or scene from play)
 - two poems
 - one illustrated/graphic text (12 pages maximum copied black and white on regular letter 8.5 x 11 paper)
- ❖ maximum of 1000 words
- ❖ carefully edited for capitals, punctuation, and spelling
- ❖ no foul language
- ❖ list first initial or name, last name, grade, school, and title on the top of each page
- ❖ number each page
- ❖ word-process using Arial 12 or Times New Roman 12 and double-space
- ❖ no title pages or art work (unless illustrated/graphic text)
- ❖ share single-sided printed copy with your school contact when requested
- ❖ school contact sends printed copies to the YAC team by April 19

Please note:

- It is important that you carefully edit your **original** manuscript and format it correctly.
- Remember to keep a copy of your manuscript.
- The submitted copy will become the property of the Young Authors' Conference.
- All manuscripts will be posted on the SD73 Young Authors' Conference website.
- All manuscripts received **on time** will be considered for recognition and the Marg Van Dusen Award.

We look forward to reading your manuscript. Thank you!