



# MIRAMICHI SALMON ASSOCIATION

## 2026 SCHOOL WRITING CONTEST

### INFORMATION and ENTRY RULES

#### Categories:

Printing  
Cursive  
Creative Writing

#### Grade Levels

K – 2  
3 – 8 (broken out into subdivisions Grades 3-5 & Grades 6-8)  
K – 8 (broken out into subdivisions K-Grade 5 & Grades 6-8)

#### Individual Awards: Cash prizes awarded for top 3 in each grade level;

- Group A: K to Grade 5: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$20, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$15, and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$10
- Group B: Grades 6 to 8: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$30, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20, and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$10
- All 2026 participants will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a MSA swag kit!

#### General Rules:

- For all entries please include: full name, grade, age, school, and teacher. If you are in a combined class, please include your specific grade level.
- Only one entry per student is allowed for each category.
- Judging will be done by MSA staff and their decisions will be final.
- All entries become the property of MSA

**CLOSING DATE:** All entries must be received at the MSA Office, 485 Route 420, South Esk, New Brunswick, E1V 4L9 no later than **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm.** Prizes will be delivered to the winners at their respective school sometime in June 2026.

**INFORMATION:** Information on Atlantic salmon and the MSA's conservation programs can be found at:

<https://miramichisalmon.ca/>

For more information, please contact:  
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### CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

#### **1. PRINTING (K - 2) & CURSIVE (Grades 3 – 8):**

Print or handwrite out very neatly the letters, numbers, and sentence that are in bold in the box below. Students can use pencil or pen on lined or unlined, 8.5 x 11 paper (no smaller).

**KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.**

Accuracy and neatness are important.

**Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo**

**Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz**

**0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9**

***The Miramichi River is world famous for its Atlantic salmon fishing!***

#### **2. CREATIVE WRITING (Kindergarten - Grade 8):**

*Get creative and use your words!* Submit a poem or short story about a special experience you've had on the river, your favourite fishing trip, or why you think the Miramichi River and its Atlantic salmon are so important. Stories may be printed, written or typed (according to grade level requirements) but must be the student's own ideas and work. There are two divisions, Kindergarten – Grade 5 and Grades 6 – 8. Students may accompany this with artwork and submit it for the art category if they wish.

- ❖ **Students will be judged on originality, creativity, grammar, neatness, and theme.**
- ❖ **Students name, age, grade, school, and teacher must be on the back of the entry.**
- ❖ **Students are welcomed to participate in as many categories as they wish.**

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