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2019 Youth Ink Writing Contest now open

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The 2019 Youth Ink writing contest - created by the Orinda Junior Women's Club to support the literary arts among young people in the Orinda community and open to all sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders who live in Orinda or attend an Orinda school - was launched on Dec. 3.

Entries must be a story (fiction or nonfiction), poem, or other creative writing form, presented in English and written specifically for the contest and without teacher or parent involvement. Submissions will be evaluated on content, clarity, structure and originality. The writing prompt for 2019 is "It Matters;" however, students may write about anything they like. The only limits are that entries must be 750 words or less and only one entry per contestant will be accepted.

Entries may be submitted by email only until Feb. 15. There is no fee to enter the contest. Late entries will not be accepted. Entrants can download a Youth Ink 2019 entry form at:

http://www.orindajuniors.org/wpcontent/uploads/2018/11/youthink_form_2019.pdf.

There will be three money prizes awarded, in addition to 10 honorable mention gift certificates. The first-place winner will receive \$250, second place will receive \$125, and third place \$75. Winners will be notified by mail and receive their prizes at an Awards Ceremony in April. The ceremony is open to the public and all family and friends are invited.

The contest is organized and run by the Orinda Junior Women's Club, with additional financial sponsorship provided by Friends of the Orinda Library, the Lamorinda Arts Council, and Orinda Community Foundation.

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