

CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION RULES 2026
LISTOWEL WRITERS' WEEK

- ✓ **NO ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR OUR COMPETITIONS**
- ✓ **Closing Date for all entries is 27th March 2026**
- ✓ Entries must not have been previously published.
- ✓ Entrants who have won 1st prize for a specific competition on 3 previous occasions cannot enter this competition again.
- ✓ **All Entries must be typed.** Please retain a copy, as entries submitted will **NOT** be returned.
- ✓ All entries must be submitted on our website www.writersweek.ie. Entries must be in word/pdf format.
- ✓ Entries for **The Nilsson Heritage Award** must be posted to: Listowel Writers' Week, Nilsson Heritage Award, 24 The Square, Listowel, Co Kerry, Ireland V31 RD93.
- ✓ No critique on entries shall be given due to the high volume of entries received.
- ✓ Acknowledgement of receipt of entries cannot be sent out due to the high volume of entries received.
- ✓ Please submit your name and contact details on a separate sheet when submitting by post.
- ✓ The competition fees must be paid when making the submission. Payments are taken online on our website.
- ✓ An unlimited number of entries per person may be submitted for the competitions.
- ✓ The adjudicators' verdict is final, and no correspondence shall be entered into regarding individual competition entries. Winners **only** will be notified due to the high volume of entries received.
- ✓ Awards may not be presented where an appropriate standard is not achieved.
- ✓ For further information please contact competitionslistowel@gmail.com

Best of luck!

The Bryan MacMahon Short Story Award

Prize:	€1,000
Maximum Word Count:	3,000 words
Entry Fee:	€10 per entry submitted

Duais Foras na Gaeilge

Duais:	€1,000
Catagóir:	Dán Gearr (níos lú ná 70 líne)
Táille:	€10 ar gach iontráil

The Poetry Collection

Prize:	€2,500
Entry:	€20 per each Poetry Collection
Entry Details:	6 – 12 Individual poems OR an equivalent longer single work, which may be in sections or in the form of a sequence. This competition is open only to those who have not yet published a complete book of poems. (Individual pieces may have

The Single Poem Award

Prize:	€700
Entry:	€10 with each entry submitted
Entry Details:	Maximum 70 lines

The Nilsson Local Heritage Writing Competition

Prize:	€1,400
Entry:	Free
Entry criteria:	Books submitted for the prize for a given year must be:
1.	Published between January and December of the prior year
2.	About people and events rather than objects such as buildings, national programs or archaeology.

3. Actual history not fictional narrative
4. Focused on an Irish locality or the diaspora from a specific Irish locality.
- Entry Details: This Award is for the best book on Local Heritage and History by an Irish author/authors published between the 1st January 2025 and the December 31st 2025. Please submit 2 copies of each book to Listowel Writers' Week office by 27th March 2026

Creative Writing for Adults with Learning Difficulties/Disabilities

- Prize: €1,000
- Categories: Short Story (1000 words max) or Short Poem (70 lines max)
- Adjudicator: Listowel Writers' Week Editorial Board
- Entry : Free
- Details: This competition is open to people with Special Educational Needs over 18 years of age on the 1st March 2026.