



# Sixty-eight Writes

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## THIS YEAR'S PRIZES AWARDED TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL WRITERS

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Nanaimo – “Sixty-eight Writes”, a locally developed non-profit writing contest for high school students in School District # 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) has awarded prizes to excellent young writers for the third year running.

The complete list of winners is:

**Fiction:** 1<sup>st</sup> place (\$300): **Tara Chang-Swanson, Grade 11, NDSS**  
2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$200): **Lochlin Duperron, Grade 11, Ladysmith Secondary**  
3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$100): **Jennifer Perry, Grade 10, Wellington Secondary**  
Hon. Mention (\$50): **Caitlin Sharrat, Grade 12, Cedar Secondary**

**Non-fiction:** Hon. Mention (\$50): **Jessica Porter, Grade 12, Cedar Secondary**  
Hon. Mention (\$50): **Jacob Nagrocki, Grade 10, Dover Bay Secondary**  
(Other prizes were not awarded in the Non-Fiction category this year)

Local businesses and community organizations have shown strong support for the project, and their generosity has allowed the contest to be continued this year. Once again writing professionals kindly volunteered their expertise to serve as judges (please see our web site for more details about their professional activities). This year's panels were:

Fiction: Roger Farr, Dede Gaston and Wendy Strachan.

Non-Fiction: Cale Cowan, Frank Moher and Margaret Thompson.

A selection of the best entries is published electronically on the contest web site (<http://members.shaw.ca/sixtyeightwrites>), where individual stories or the complete anthology can be read or printed. For more information about Sixty-eight Writes please visit the contest web site or email [sixtyeightwrites@shaw.ca](mailto:sixtyeightwrites@shaw.ca).

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