

# **IMAGINE CONTEST RULES**

## **SPONSORS:**

**(see below for Poster Art contest rules).**

**Who can enter:** Youth from Grade 6-8; Youth from Grade 9-12.

**Awards:** 1st prize- \$200, 2nd Prize - \$100, 3rd Prize- \$50 in two categories: kids and young adults.

**Prizes:** Compliments Jamaica National Building Society, 3M Canada, Kisko Freezies.

First Place story eligible for publication in the annual IMAGINE Anthology.

Winning entries eligible for posting on the VoSNL Website.

Excerpts of winning entries to be published in a local newspaper.

**DEADLINE: April 25.**

**Entry Fee:** FREE! No entry fee required for first entry but each additional entry requires a fee of \$2.00.

## **RULES**

1) Story must be original and unpublished

(Note: "Unpublished work" is defined as stories by an author who, prior to entering this contest, has never received money for a published piece of fiction writing.)

2) Story features a protagonist (main character/s) who is a visible minority or is ethnic.

3) *Story must be 1800 words.*

- Typed -- double spaced on one side of the paper. Hand written entries should be legible.
- Paper -- white, 8.5 by 11.
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• Clear Copies -- do not submit originals. Manuscripts will not be Returned!

### **Disqualification:**

A manuscript will be disqualified if in the judgment of the nominating committee the entry falls into any one or more of the following categories:

- Manuscript fails to meet all of the contest submittal requirements
- Story has been published and/or the author has received payment for the story or some other piece of fiction writing prior to the date of entry
- Story is considered to be outside of the Science fiction/fantasy genre
- Story contains sex for the purpose of arousal only
- Story contains harsh or foul language
- Story is in bad taste

- Story contains negative portrayal of minorities.

**Judging:**

A contest nominating committee will short list the best stories from all of the qualified entries. An independent panel of judges will determine the winners from the short-list.

Judge's decision is final.

**Notification:** The prize money will be awarded by VoSNL in accordance with the decision of the judges. Contest winners will be notified by e-mail and or telephone in May. Money prizes and other awards will be given at a Visions of Science/IMAGINE event, date and venue tba.

Send your stories to:

Mailing Address: IMAGINE, 702-3845 Sheppard Ave East. Toronto, M1T 3S8.

Or

Via E-mail: [Imaginescifi@yahoo.ca](mailto:Imaginescifi@yahoo.ca)

**OFFICIAL IMAGINE SF/F SHORT STORY  
CONTEST  
ENTRY FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT STORY TITLE(S):

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_

I am an unpublished writer as defined in the contest rules and I am the author of the enclosed manuscript(s). I further understand that there will be no notification of the contest results until after April 30 on the VoSNL website. I have read the official contest rules and will abide by the condition that the decision of the judge is final..

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT AND MAIL WITH MANUSCRIPT(S) ON OR BEFORE April 25 TO:**

IMAGINE, 702-3845 Sheppard Ave East. Toronto, M1T 3S8/Imaginescfi@yahoo.ca  
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## **RULES for IMAGINE Poster Art Competition.**

### **Poster Art Theme:**

**Who can Enter:** All Youth from Grades 7-9

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize-\$200, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize-\$100, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize-\$50.

**Prizes:** compliments Silver Snail, 3M Canada, Kisko Freezies, Black Heritage Cards.

Winning entries will be on exhibit at the annual Visions of Science Symposium.

The first place winner will be eligible for publication in the annual IMAGINE Anthology, and for posting on the Visions of Science website.

**DEADLINE: APRIL 25**

### **Criteria for Judging:**

1) Art should reflect the theme:

(Imagine what an alien would grown in his/her garden)

2) Posters should be 11x17 inches

a) All art must be original work.

a) Colour scheme: colours should be used with purpose; to accentuate and enhance piece. Your colours should not just be splashed haphazardly.

c) Composition; your picture should be pleasing to the eye. Aim for quality not quantity.

d) Design; your design/illustration should be exciting, startling, and powerful. In the case of something more serene, the work should evoke some emotion.

**The winner will be based on the artwork that meets 3 out of the 4 criteria.**

### **Disqualification:**

Your poster will be disqualified if:

1) **It does not reflect the theme**

2) **It is not 11x17 inches**

**3) It depicts visible minorities in a negative manner**

**Judging:**

All entries will reviewed by a panel of judges possessing a professional background in Art and or illustration. The Judges' decision is final.

**Notification:** The prize money will be awarded by VoSNL in accordance with the decision of the judges. Contest winners will be notified by e-mail and or telephone in May. Money prizes and other awards will be given at aVisions of Science/IMAGINE event, date and venue tba.

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POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm this is an original work of art and I am the artist of the enclosed poster(s). I further understand that there will be no notification of the contest results until May. I have read the official contest rules and will abide by the condition that the decision of the judge is final..

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