



# 2024 Adult Learner Writing Contest

New Jersey Association for Lifelong Learning

**Submissions Deadline: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The New Jersey Association for Lifelong Learning (NJALL) is holding its tenth annual adult learner writing contest. This year we will award cash prizes in six categories - fiction, non-fiction, memoir, poetry, photography and art. Several winners will be invited to read their work as part of the annual NJALL conference in May 2024. All of the winners and selected other submissions will be published in a free magazine that will be available from our website in the summer of 2024. Winners will receive printed copies of the magazine, award certificates and prize checks.

## Categories

<i>Fiction</i>	<i>Non-fiction</i>	<i>Memoir</i>	<i>Poetry</i>	<i>Photography Art</i>
1st Place - \$100		2nd Place - \$50		3rd Place - \$25

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## Previous Winners Reading Their Work

Check out videos on NJALL's YouTube Channel [here](#).

## Acting as a Reviewer

If you are interested in serving as a reviewer, please send an email to [njallmail@gmail.com](mailto:njallmail@gmail.com) We are particularly interested in having learners serve on the review committee.

## Guidelines

- \* **Eligibility:** Adult learners in - adult literacy programs, adult high schools or HS equivalency programs, developmental education programs, English language classes and citizenship classes. If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact us as *njallmail@gmail.com*
- \* Learners can send in submissions for multiple categories. Learners can submit one piece per category, except for poetry. Learners can submit up to five poems for consideration.
- \* All submissions must be original and represent the work of the learner - not the work of their teacher or tutor. Teachers/tutors may help with spelling and grammar, but it should be limited in nature. We are using the honor system with regards to this.
- \* English language learners can get help with translation, but the work should remain their own.
- \* Memoirs typically involve personal experiences. Non-fiction entries typically focus on topics the writers are interested in. This can include informative essays, opinion pieces and advice.
- \* Art is an open category, and includes drawing, painting or other forms of creativity. A photo or scan of the original should be submitted, along with an artist's statement about the piece.
- \* Photographs should also include a statement about the piece.

## Submitting

Submissions need to be received by **April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024** at *njallmail@gmail.com*

The email should identify the category of the submission.

Submissions should include the learner's name and contact information and the name of the program or school they attend. If the learner wishes to remain anonymous or use a pen-name, this information should be provided when the work is submitted. By entering the contest, the learner agrees to have their piece published in the magazine if it is selected.

All those submitting work will be notified of the decisions by **May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**.

Please send any questions to *njallmail@gmail.com*