

HeForShe Writing Contest

As part of the commitment to the UN Women's HeForShe IMPACT 10x10x10 initiative, the University of Waterloo presents the Second Annual HeForShe Writing Contest, launching September 2017.

Gender equity calls for all of our voices and all of our stories. To achieve lasting change, we must connect experiences of gender to a diverse understanding of equity in the Waterloo community and in our world.

For the first time, **Waterloo Region District School Board** students are invited to share their stories, real and imagined, about building a better and more equitable world.

The 2017-18 contest theme is **INTERSECTIONS**. Participants are asked to consider how gender equity fits into the larger equity story. Where are the overlaps and connections between gender and race, ethnicity, age, ability, class, faith, and/or sexuality? How do the perspectives of gender equity connect to the goal of equality for all people? Can working towards gender equity help to advance equity conversations more broadly?

Through poetry, fiction, and creative non-fiction, we welcome your reflections on the past and your hopes, dreams, and directions for the future. When gender equity is connected to the dream of equality for everyone, how is our world made better? Your stories are a part of the Waterloo landscape — today and tomorrow. In what ways are you #HeForShe?



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for Gender Equality

The University will award a \$500 prize for the top submission in each category (poetry, creative non-fiction, and fiction). Selected submissions will also be included in a special University of Waterloo anthology on gender equity that will be published on March 8, 2018 — International Women's Day.



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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

I. Eligibility Requirements

- › Contest is open to all WRDSB students in Grades 9 to 12.
- › Submissions must not have been previously published in any other forum, whether print or online. However, pieces that were previously submitted as part of school work will be accepted.
- › Entrants must consent to the publication of their work, whether in print or online.
- › Entrants must consent to editing of their work for grammar and typos, as needed.

II. Content and Genre Requirements

- › Submissions must fall into one of three broad categories: fiction, creative non-fiction, or poetry.
- › The 2017-18 contest theme is **intersections**. Participants are asked to consider how gender equity fits into the larger equity story.
- › Gender includes all genders, including two-spirit, transgender and non-binary people.

III. Formatting Requirements

- › Entrants may submit more than one entry, but each entry must be no longer than 5000 words.
- › Submissions must be received in Google Doc, .doc, .docx, or .pdf format.
- › Submissions should be emailed to heforshe@wrdsb.ca.
- › Submissions must include a word count at the end of the document.
- › Fiction and creative non-fiction submissions should be double-spaced.
- › If a poem moves on to a second page, indicate stanza breaks with a backslash (/), as needed.
- › If submission is more than one page, include page numbers.



The contest is open to **WRDSB students — boys and girls — in Grades 9 to 12. Submissions must not have been previously published. Pieces submitted as part of school work will be accepted.**



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