1. No entry fee is required, and all rights in the story remain the property of the author. All types of prose, fact or fiction, are welcome.

2. All materials may be used by the Newark Public Library and the New Jersey Performing Arts Center for educational/informational purposes.

3. By submitting to the contest, the entrant agrees to abide by all contest rules.

4. All entries must be original works by the entrant, in English. Use of occasional words or idioms in other languages are acceptable.

5. An entry may not have been previously published in professional media or have received any awards.

6. The contest is open to students in grades 9-12 and high-school aged youth living in Newark.

7. Word count

   Grades 9-10: Minimum 500 words Maximum: 1,500 words

   Grades 11-12: Minimum 700 words Maximum: 1,500 words

8. One entry per person. Authors should limit themselves to their single best piece for submission.
9. Entries must be submitted electronically:
https://www.npl.org/submission-form

Acceptable formats are word documents, text files or PDF. Entries must be
double-spaced, 12pt font and must include the title and page number on
each page, but not the author’s name. Author’s names are excluded to
facilitate fair, anonymous judging.

10. All entries are final. No revisions are accepted.

11. Entries will be judged by qualified individuals. The top entries will be
reviewed by professional authors and judged based on theme, artistic
vision, personal voice, and technical skill. The decisions of the judges are
entirely their own and are final and binding.

12. Each submission will be read and scored by at least two reviewers.

13. Winners will be notified of the results by email in March, 2023.

14. Entries must be received by 5pm on December 23, 2022.