

Perth County Song Writing Competition

Calling All Perth County Students!

“Back Home” is our theme

Write a song about the spirit and value of community, the environment and local heroes.

How do I enter?

This competition is open to any students in Perth County: **Grades 7 to 12**

We encourage lyric writers and poets to team with musical folk. You may enter as a solo artist, a band, a class, a family or a creative team.

At least one person per group **must reside in Perth County**. This person will appear as the lead entrant. Families may enter if one child meets the grade 7-12 requirement.

Any style of song:

1. You must submit your entry in **recorded** form. We will accept on-line submissions in

MP3 files – email to: **perthsong@hermione-presents.com**

Or We will accept CD or cassette format mailed to:

**Perth County Song Competition
217 Wellington Street
Stratford, Ontario, N5A 2L7**

2. Send or email a copy of the **written text of your song** in a legibly typed format **with** your submission, **clearly indicating authorship and title**.

Written musical score for song entries: **optional, but not required**.

3. **Entry length: maximum 3 minutes**. (Shorter is fine.) *We will only listen to 3 minutes of any entry exceeding that time limit.*

4. An Entry form **must accompany every song** clearly including:

- 1) Title of your piece
- 2) Your Name
- 3) Grade as of September 2009
- 4) School
- 5) Contact email address and/ or
- 6) Contact phone number
- 7) If your group is independent of, or a cluster from several schools, please include the above information for **all members**.

A school “class” entry may use a teacher as the lead contact and submit only the teacher’s contact information (please refrain from sending all student contact information in this situation).

5. **All of the items listed above must be included or you entry will be disqualified.**

Judging

Entrants - *Solos and groups will be competing against each other in one category.*

Song entrants will have their material submitted anonymously to our panel of judges.

Judges will be evaluating song entries on the basis of:

25 points for successfully addressing the theme

25 points for musical style

25 points for literary style

25 points for originality and use of music and literary styles to support your theme

What do I win?

Six winning entries will be chosen. **Each song** that wins will receive \$200 (two hundred dollars).

Winning songs will be arranged by a professional composer in collaboration with the creative artist/entrant or team of artists. These pieces will then be professionally recorded and produced.

The finished songs will be posted to multiple Websites including: Perth County Visitors' Association
www.visitperth.ca

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<http://creativecommons.org/about/>

Entry Deadline: Get your submission in on time.

We will accept submissions mailed to the address below postmarked by Canada Post or a courier company *no later* than the deadline date: **5:00 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2009**. You may also hand deliver your clearly, marked submission before 5:00 p.m. on March 1, to the address below.

If you wish to be notified of receipt of entry, *please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard* which we will mail to you.

to **Perth County Song Competition**
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Please contact: perthsong@hermione-presents.com **if you have any questions**



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