

The Ray Bradbury Award for Science Fiction & Fantasy



Are you a creative teen in grades 7–12?

Do you like writing about alternative worlds, or the future of our own planet?

The Ray Bradbury Award for Science Fiction & Fantasy offers scholarships to students whose writing uses supernatural, magical, futuristic, scientific, and technological themes as key elements of the narrative.

National Award: \$1,000

Who: All students in grades 7–12 (ages 13 and up) are eligible to participate.

What: Any writing work that uses Science Fiction and/or Fantasy themes as key narrative elements.

This award is part of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. The Awards encourage, publish, and grant scholarships to creative teens.

Why: Your voice can imagine alternative worlds or the future of our planet, and in turn teach us about the present.

Even if you are new to writing science fiction or fantasy, this award is for you!



Submissions open on September 1, 2020.

Regional deadlines vary, and can be as early as December 1, 2020.

The Ray Bradbury Foundation is committed to honoring the legendary science fiction writer's contribution to the literary landscape and our collective imagination. raybradbury.com

How to Apply:

1. **Create your work** that addresses the required theme—be sure to check out the guidelines! artandwriting.org/bradbury
2. **Prepare a personal statement** answering the following questions, in 50 words or more:
 - *Why do you think your work falls into the category of science fiction, fantasy, or speculative writing?*
 - *Why are you specifically interested in using science fiction or fantasy themes, compared to more realistic ones?*
3. **Complete the application online** by your regional deadline.

We Evaluate Work on ...

- **Originality**
- **Technical skill**
- **Emergence of a personal voice or vision**

Don't Forget to ...

- Look up your regional deadline. artandwriting.org/deadlines
- Find out which writing category best describes your work. artandwriting.org/categories
- Opt in to the Award at the end of your application and enter your personal statement.



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