



Royal Mint Museum short story competition

Competition Terms and Conditions

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. The promoter of this competition is The Royal Mint Museum of The Royal Mint, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, United Kingdom CF72 8YT (**The Royal Mint Museum**).
2. This competition is in no way sponsored, endorsed, or administered by, or associated with Facebook, X, Instagram, or any other social media platform used by The Royal Mint Museum as part of the Competition.
3. The competition opens on 19th February 2024 at 00:00hrs GMT and closes on 29th March 2024 at 23:59hrs GMT. Any entries received before the opening or after the closing dates/times will not be included and no correspondence will be entered into.
4. Entries will be judged using the following criteria
 - Concept
 - Originality
 - Relevance to subject
 - Enjoyment
5. Judging is anonymous, and initial judging will take place by staff of the Royal Mint Museum to select a shortlist of 10 entries, from which the competition winner will be chosen by the competition judge.
6. Winners will be notified via their school unless on entry it is specified that contact be made differently.
7. The winner will receive a commemorative coin and a framed copy of their winning entry, illustrated by a professional Illustrator. The winner's school will receive an award of £5,000 worth of vouchers for equipment and books to invest in their library; it must be an Ofsted, Education Inspectorate, Estyn or HMLe registered school to qualify for the award. If the winner is home schooled, then prize will be donated to a public library of their choice. The four 'runners-up' entries and the five 'highly commended' will each receive a commemorative coin.
8. Once the winner, runners-up and highly commended entrants and have been notified, they will have one week from the time of the first contact with the Royal Mint Museum to respond claiming their prize and confirming their address for delivery. If any prize-winning entrant fails to claim their prize, the prize-winning status will be forfeited and the Royal Mint Museum reserves the right to draw a new prize-winner.
9. Due to the volume of entries it is not possible to acknowledge receipt of entries or to notify all entrants regarding the results of the competition. Only prize-winning entries will be contacted.

10. To enter this competition, you must write a short story of no more than 500 words on the specified topic. You must submit your entry online [here](#) or post it to: Short Story Competition, The Royal Mint Museum, The Royal Mint, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, United Kingdom CF72 8YT, along with a signed paper copy of these terms and conditions.
11. Entries may be submitted in any language; however, entries will be translated into English for the purposes of judging.
12. Entrants must be accompanied by a submission from a responsible adult, taking the form of the entrant's parent, guardian, or teacher, approving the entry and agreeing to the competition rules. Submission can be made by way of the checkbox on the online form, or a physical submission of the signed declaration accompanying these rules. The contact details of the parent, guardian or teacher must be provided, and teachers submitting stories on behalf of pupils should seek parental permission and if requested by the Royal Mint Museum, provide evidence of permission in the event of an enquiry or complaint.
13. By agreeing to these terms and conditions the adult responsible for the entrant agrees that the name, age, school, and photographs of the entrant can be shared publicly with media, on The Royal Mint Museum website and on the Royal Mint Museum social media channels, should the entrant be awarded a prize.
14. The winner may be asked to participate in any related publicity to the prize and/or asked to write a review of the prize.
15. The Royal Mint Museum takes no responsibility for entries that are lost, delayed, misdirected or incomplete or cannot be delivered or entered for any technical or other reason. Proof of posting or delivery of the entry is not proof of receipt.
16. Each entry submitted will be retained by The Royal Mint Museum and entrants will not have any right of return. The winning story will be published, and the entry will become part of The Royal Mint Museum collection.
17. Entries must be the author's own work, must not be copied from someone else and must not contain any third-party materials and/or content that you do not have permission to use. Entrants warrant that they own the copyright as its author. If another person has assisted in preparing their story, they warrant that they have received an assignment of all associated intellectual property rights from that person. We may ask to see evidence of that assignment at any time.
18. Entrants hereby grant The Royal Mint Museum a non-exclusive, royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide right and licence to use, reproduce, modify, adapt and publish their story in electronic format or hard copy and for purposes connected with the competition, and to adapt the story to enable such publication (including to edit it for such purposes), and entrants hereby irrevocably waive, for the benefit of The Royal Mint Museum, all moral rights in the entry to which the entrant maybe entitled. Entrants retain the copyright in their entries but their parent or guardian grants to the Royal Mint Museum a perpetual non-exclusive royalty-free licence to publish, broadcast (across all media) and post the entry online and on any other platforms yet to be envisaged. This licence will be deemed to include all the necessary rights and permissions to enable such use by the Royal Mint Museum, to fulfil the prizes and to complete the administration of this competition.

19. The competition is only open to residents of the United Kingdom and Channel Islands who are aged between eight and eleven years, inclusive, and are schooled in an Ofsted, Education Inspectorate, Estyn or HMIE registered school or are home schooled in the United Kingdom.
20. Each school may submit an unlimited number of stories. Entries are limited to one per child.
21. There is no cash alternative, and the prize is non-refundable, non-negotiable, and non-transferable.
22. The Royal Mint Museum reserves the right to replace the prize with an alternative prize of equal or higher value if circumstances beyond The Royal Mint Museum's control makes it necessary to do so.
23. Competition entry is not conditional to consenting to marketing.
24. Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions and agreed to be bound by them when they are entered into the competition.
25. All decisions made by The Royal Mint Museum relating to this competition are final and binding.
26. Under no circumstances will The Royal Mint Museum be responsible for any loss, damages, costs, or expenses arising from or in any way connected with any errors, defects, interruptions, malfunctions, or delays in the promotion of the competition or acceptance of the prize.
27. The Royal Mint Museum will not be responsible, unless required by law, for any loss, changes, costs, or expenses which may arise in connection with this competition.
28. The Royal Mint Museum can cancel or alter the competition at any stage.
29. The information submitted in the competition entry are for the following purposes: to enter the competition; so that we can contact you to inform you of the outcome of the competition; so that we can contact you regarding any publicity requests; so that we may reach you via social media platforms; and as a method of contact for any future promotions relating to the competition.
30. Personal data supplied during this promotion will only be processed as set out in The Royal Mint Museum's [Privacy Policy](#).
31. The competition will be governed by English and Welsh law and entrants to the competition submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English and Welsh courts.

Declaration – This form must accompany your entry if submitting by post only.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agreed to abide by the terms and conditions of the Royal Mint Museum short story competition. I confirm that if a story is chosen as the winner, runner up or highly commended, I will provide a photograph of the winner and their prize for use on the Royal Mint Museum website, socials, and press release. I confirm that permission is granted to use the child's name, age and school in public content celebrating the winning entries.

Entrant's name(s):

Entrant's school name and address:

Name of adult responsible for the entrant/s (printed):

Signature of adult responsible for the entrant/s:

Number of stories entered:

Contact email address:

Contact telephone number:
