



E-Dukes Story Writing Competition

Send your Award stories into E-Dukes and if you are published you will WIN two free movie ticket passes!

How to enter: Send your Award stories to edukes@dukeofed.org.au with:

- an accompanying photograph and
- a completed talent release form (please fax/post this form to The Award Office)

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You can send in as many stories as you wish. For ideas and information on what to write, see the story writing guide below.

Then read E-Dukes monthly to see if you are a winner!





Talent Release Form

I hereby irrevocably give The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia (The Award) the right and permission to copyright and/or publish, reproduce or otherwise use my name, voice and likeness and/or written material, photographs, motion pictures and audio-visual magnetic recordings about or by me for instruction, art advertising, trade or any other lawful purpose whatsoever in conjunction with The Award.

I hereby agree to relinquish all rights, title and interest I may have in the finished product or the advertising copy that may be used in connection therewith, and waive all rights to any further compensation thereof.

I declare that the submitted material is my own work and does not involve plagiarism and/or I have gained permission to submit material produced by other persons. I have also gained permission from others to submit material, including photographs, in which they are featured.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

If I am legally under age, my undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s) hereby consents, jointly and severally, to the above and agrees to indemnify and hold The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia (the Award) harmless against any claim of mine or of my heirs, executors or administrators, arising hereunder which may hereafter be asserted against the Award.

Parent / Carer's Name /: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



E-Dukes Story Writing Guide

The following are a number of ideas to help you approach the reporting process:

1. Report on your personal Award progress

This would be an easy way to approach this activity, however you would need to make sure that you are spending 1-hour per week doing it.

- You could approach this like writing a diary by making notes in a personal journal about your Award activities and the things that have happened to you.
- Then from all the thoughts you have collected over the weeks you could then write a snap shot for E-Dukes about anything interesting/funny/challenging etc. that has happened to you as an Award participant.
- You can be really creative about this and write as if it were a soap opera. You would be the main character narrating what has happened to you and the people you have met along the way. Each month readers will follow your story and be eager to find out what happens next.

2. Hunt down Dukes stories in your local area

Perhaps you know of a participant who is doing something particularly interesting as part of their Award. Or perhaps you have met someone who did their Award years ago and you want to find out how their Award experience influenced their life, ie. What did they get out of doing The Award and did it help them in any way to get to where they are now?

- Organise a time to interview them. Is it a phone/email/face-to-face interview?
- Think of the questions beforehand that you would like to ask them for inclusion in your story
- Is there a particular focus to your story, do you want to find out about one thing specifically? The Award started in Australia nearly 50 years ago, so if you interviewed someone much older than you, you might like to find out what being a participant was like back then... I might be able to give you a couple of contacts if you were interested in pursuing this.

3. Investigate Award ideas or review an Award activity

Find an activity that you have never done before (a really great one would be something you think not many other people would have tried either). It must be an activity that can be used to complete one of the Award sections.

- Spend some time learning about this activity and getting involved in it
- What section of The Award is it for? ie. is it a physical recreation?
- Think about what attracted you to the activity, or why you had never thought to try it before
- What did you learn about yourself or from the experience
- Evaluate the activity. Perhaps give a recommendation as to the kind of person that would enjoy it and where you could go to get more information

4. Generate discussion

Think of a political/social issue that is current. Write an argumentative report from your perspective about this issue and try to generate readers to write in and give their opinion. A good example you might like to investigate is the negative views and attitudes older members of society have towards *generation Y* (those of us who were born between 1981 – 1995).

Generation Y has been reported to be:

Impatient

Lazy

Needing immediate recognition

Easily bored

Disloyal

Ignorant of politics



From a workforce perspective: they are difficult to attract, harder to manage and are proving near impossible to retain

Overly image conscious

Materialistic

- Provide your understanding and analysis of the issue
 - Give your opinion, but make sure you give a reason for why you think the way you do
 - Try to avoid words like good or bad etc.
 - Perhaps interview other people you know to give a broad range of perspectives and include quotes in your report
 - Read newspaper articles to get an idea of this style of writing
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Take a photo

A picture says a thousand words and is just as important as the story. So, as part of the journalism process take photos to support the stories you write.

Word length

You are welcome to write as much as you like, as long as it is no less than 100 words.

An average story would be between 250 – 400 words.

Please be aware that stories published may be edited according to word length and content.

Please email your stories to edukes@dukeofed.org.au, you are welcome to ask any questions or to write if you need help with your story.