



DEAF CULTURE CENTRE

# ASL/LSQ LITERATURE CALL FOR ENTRY

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## ASL /LSQ STORYTELLERS, ASL /LSQ POETS CALL FOR ENTRY 2018 JURIED LITERATURE

***Defty Awards of Excellence in the Arts 2018***  
**Literary Youth Awards**

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**Youth Literary Submissions Deadline: Friday, May 18, 2018**  
**Announce Defty Award winners end of June 2018**  
**Defty Awards Gala and Livestreaming Event: Saturday, September 22, 2018**

**Winning ASL/LSQ Stories, ASL Poems will be featured  
at the DEAF CULTURE CENTRE**

**Winners receive a Defty Award and cash prize (between \$300 -\$1,000)**

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Open to all Canadian Deaf storytellers and poets.
- Applicants must be 16 years of age to 34 years of age (inclusive).
- The theme is open.
- ASL/LSQ narrative or poem must be original and created by the storyteller/ poet.
- ASL/ LSQ narrative or poem must have been made within the last three (3) years – 2015 to 2018.
- Literary Categories:
  1. Poem (maximum 2 minutes)
  2. Narrative (maximum 5 minutes)
- A maximum of one (1) submission in any category for consideration by the jury with a maximum of two (2) submissions total.
- Each entry must be submitted on a separate USB (2 copies) and mailed or dropped off in person. No email or private internet links submissions please.

*Defty award winning narratives or poems must be offline from the time of the award announcement in August until the Defty Awards Gala on September 22, 2018 Award winning excerpts will be featured at the gala and the complete narrative or poem will be featured subsequently in the DEAF CULTURE CENTRE special literary exhibit.*

### **Submission Checklist**

- Completed Entry Form (attached) as a paper document
- USB** containing a digital file of the narrative or poem (16 GB or 32 GB or 64 GB). File must be labelled with the artists last name and presentation title. (LAST NAME, Name of poem or narrative). No email or private internet links submissions please. Please submit each piece on two USBs.
- Artist's Biography (maximum 150 words) in word document on the USB.
- Artist Statement (maximum 150 words) in word document on the USB.  
The artist statement explains insight into the narrative or poem from the artist's perspective. The artist statement includes the title, description and comments to assist in analysis from the artist's perspective. The artist statement can be bulleted or in narrative form.

- Artist photograph (300 dpi) on the USB
- Running Time (RT) of your narrative or poem on your USB (example: 1 minutes:05 seconds)

### **Submission Deadline**

Entries including support material must be submitted in full, postmarked (stamped) **no later than Friday, May 18, 2018.**

**Drop offs permitted 12-5 PM, no later than Friday, May 25, 2018.** The DEAF CULTURE CENTRE is closed on Mondays.

### **Please submit mailed entries to:**

Attention: *Defty Awards* 2018  
DEAF CULTURE CENTRE  
Distillery Historic District  
15 Mill Street  
Toronto, ON M5A 3R6

### **Selected Works**

- All decisions made by the jury panel are final.
- The jurors reserve the right to disqualify any original work misrepresented by the digital files.
- No entry may be withdrawn from the exhibition until after closing.
- The DEAF CULTURE CENTRE has permission to display and/or share images or samples of accepted work for publicity, educational and research purposes.
- Entries in each category will be judged for best content and presentation.

### **Adjudication**

Submitted works will be juried by a panel of professionals who are engaged in ASL/ LSQ literature.

### **Notification**

Artists meeting the submission deadline will be notified of acceptance by end of June, 2018.

### **Shipping and handling**

- Postage is the responsibility of the artist.

### **Insurance**

- Artists are responsible for maintaining a copy of their narrative or poem to ensure backup in case of USB loss or damage during transit. The DEAF CULTURE CENTRE assumes responsibility for insurance of the ASL/ LSQ piece while on display at the Centre.
- Every reasonable precaution will be employed by the DEAF CULTURE CENTRE to handle digital material according to standard professional public exhibition practice.

The DEAF CULTURE CENTRE acknowledges the generous support of TD Bank Group for the *Defty Awards of Excellence in the Arts: Literary Youth Awards* 2018. The *Defty Awards of Excellence in the Arts* promotes and celebrates emerging Deaf performing artists and showcases the works of talented Canadian Deaf performers. The Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf (CCSD) established the Defty Awards in the 1980's to promote and recognize the arts of fellow Canadian Deaf artists. The DEAF CULTURE CENTRE under the auspices of CCSD is delighted to continue this tradition. The TD Bank Group is the proud presenting sponsor of the *Defty Awards of Excellence in the Arts* for Youth.



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### ENTRY FORM

**Submission Deadline: Friday, May 18, 2018.**

Please complete all sections and sign the submission form below. Submit your application along with all the required support material. Entries must be submitted in full (date stamped) by the May 18<sup>th</sup> deadline to be considered. One (1) entry form required for each submission. Two (2) submissions maximum permitted per artist (one [1] in each category – poem or/ and narrative).

Artist's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Text \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you between the ages 16- 34?  Yes  No

**Entry**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Creation Year  2015-2016  2016-2017  2017-2018

Category (select one genre only):  Poem  Narrative

\*Please circle subcategory on the attached page.

Duration  Poem (maximum 2 minutes) RT: \_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_ sec  
 Narrative (maximum 5 minutes) RT: \_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_ sec

Language:  ASL  LSQ

Will this be the first public showing of your work?  Yes  No

If no, please specify previous events at which it was featured:

Prizes previously won for this?

Festivals your narrative or poem was previously shown at?

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**DECLARATION**

I am both the creator and presenter of this literary piece.

Yes       No

I agree that if my poem or narrative is not selected for an award, it may still be exhibited as part of the literary exhibit at the discretion of the DEAF CULTURE CENTRE.

Yes       No

I agree that if my poem or narrative is selected for an award, it will not be exhibited on-line, YouTube or Vimeo from the time of announcement of the award in June, 2018 until the date of the gala awards on September 22, 2018 at the DEAF CULTURE CENTRE.

Yes       No

**NOTE:** If the boxes are left unchecked, the DEAF CULTURE CENTRE assumes this to be the equivalent of checking the "Yes" box.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the conditions of entry and agree to submit my performance under these terms.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Rules and Regulations**

1. Date(s) of the literary viewing shall be at the discretion of the organizers.
2. USB's will not be returned. After the selection process, USB's of submissions that were not selected will be destroyed, unless submitter agrees that they may be exhibited as part of the Exhibit.
3. Anti-Piracy precautions and releases: The DEAF CULTURE CENTRE will take all reasonable anti-piracy precautions. Access to submissions on video is limited to our *Defty* jury reviewers, program promotion and individuals responsible for featuring your submission for the *Defty Awards* Literary Program and for the Literary Exhibit. No duplication or loaning is permitted except as necessary to judge and exhibit your performance through the DEAF CULTURE CENTRE or to promote it. By submitting your material to us, you hereby release the DEAF CULTURE CENTRE and its associated program consultants from any and all risk and liability in the event of theft, or breach of copyright of your materials. If you wish to discuss security measures, please advise us separately by e-mail at [info@deafculturecentre.ca](mailto:info@deafculturecentre.ca).
4. Anyone with a video-camera or taking pictures while the film is being featured will have their equipment confiscated and individuals involved may face legal action.
5. Travel or accommodation expenses for award recipients cannot be provided for the literary artists.

The goal of the *Defty Awards of Excellence in the Arts 2018* is to develop an artistic forum for young Deaf artists to explore and create new artistic content -poetry and narratives in ASL/ LSQ. The *Defty Awards* encourage new artistic works among Deaf youth.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

A New Taxonomy of ASL Literature Genres

