

# Semper Floreat: Wordsmiths Creative Writing Competition 2025

## Submission Guidelines and Rules

### Theme:

- The theme of this year's writing competition is "**Dust.**"
- Contestants have total creative freedom as to how they approach this theme. However, the more abstractly the piece approaches this theme, the more we suggest contestants refine their creative statement to ensure judges can fairly assess their piece

### Word Count:

- Creative piece (the creative work which will be judged): Minimum 500 words, maximum 1500 words.
- Creative explanation (optional): Maximum 250 words.

### Formatting:

- File format: .pdf or .docx
- Font: Times New Roman or Arial, 12pt
- Spacing: 1.5
- Do not include your name or any identifying information.
- Student ID number must appear beneath the title of your piece and in the Google Form.

### Submission Process:

- Submit via the official Google Form.
- Only one entry per person; if multiple received, only the first will be judged.
- Submission deadline: August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:59pm

### Prizes:

1st Place: \$500

2nd Place: \$300

3rd Place: \$150

All three winners will be featured in a print edition of Semper Floreat.

### Publication:

Semper Floreat reserves the right to publish all submissions.

### Eligible Works:

- Fiction or other creative writing (e.g. personal reflection, journalism): no poetry.
- Must relate to the theme (dust) in some way.

### Automatic Disqualification:

- Submissions not made via the Google Form.
- Inclusion of identifying information beyond student ID.
- Previous disqualified submissions; even if corrected.
- Submissions must be the original work of the entrant. Use of generative AI (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini, etc.) is strictly prohibited.