

## Ashley-Rakahuri River Estuary Young Writers competition

*The main purpose of the competition is to get young people to write about what they love about the estuary, what it means to them, why it is such an important environmental place in our community and what they would like to see done to protect it.*

### Entry conditions

1. Up to age 13 - all entrants must still be at primary school (or home-schooled).
2. All entrants must be from N. Canterbury area (north of Waimakariri river)
3. Each entry must be:
  - a. No more than 800 words
  - b. Factually possible
  - c. Author's own original work; use of editing software such as Microsoft Word or Grammarly is okay but use of AI is not.
  - d. Printed or digital, and submitted electronically.
  - e. Can include up to 3 images, drawings or figures
4. Entries can be sent from February 1 on
5. No entries will be accepted after March 7
6. Entries to be sent by email as a Word attachment to [secretaryarrg@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryarrg@gmail.com)
7. Judging will be by a team of three people.
8. Winners will be announced before the end of March
9. All entrants will be notified of results by email
10. By entering you agree that the Ashley Rakahuri Rivercare Group has the right to publish, reproduce and copy the entries. The winners' work will be on the group's official website, and may be in other publications.
11. Prizes
  - a. **First prize:** weekend accommodation for a family of four at the Waikuku Beach Holiday Park, plus a guided tour of the Estuary by an ARRG representative.
  - b. **Second prize:** a family pass to Willowbank Reserve in Christchurch.
  - c. **Third prize:** a family pass to Rangiora Town Hall Cinemas

Every entry must be accompanied by:

1. Name
2. Age
3. Contact details (phone or email)
4. Signed permissions from an adult
5. Signed declaration that it's their own work
6. Signed declaration that AI was not used to generate any or all of the work