

# TEEN WRITING CONTEST

## Calling all High School Students! Our 20th Teen Writing Contest

Honest - Heartfelt - Unique

Over the last 19 years, Cancer Pathways has asked teenagers to **submit essays about their impact with a cancer diagnosis, either their own, or a loved one's**. Each year we receive honest, heartfelt, and unique stories from teens about the impact cancer has had on their lives. Students with winning essays receive **\$1,000** in cash prize for sharing their stories.

### Contest Details:

- Open to students in grades 9-12
- Entries must be submitted in essay format and not exceed 1,500 words.
- **Contest Opens: November 17, 2025**
- **Contest Closes: February 28, 2026**
- Winners Announced: Early May 2026



View more information, read winning essay examples,  
and submit your essay via QR Code.

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