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Young writers eager to meet Winton

Budding young authors are putting the finishing touches on their entries for the 2014 Tim Winton Award for Young Writers in the hope that they will get to meet award patron and literary idol Tim Winton in the flesh.

Young writers with the best short stories from across Western Australia will be invited to attend a special award ceremony at Subiaco Library, meet Tim Winton, and perhaps even have the chance to read their story to an audience.

As an added incentive for regional entrants, finalists who live outside the Perth metropolitan area will receive travel assistance to attend the ceremony.

City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson says her favourite part of the award is providing gifted young people the chance to have their hard work recognised by a well known writer like Tim Winton.

“Tim Winton is a household name in Western Australia, and every year I get to see young writers overjoyed to meet their writing inspiration.”

Eleven year old Camille French, who was a winner in 2013, said that receiving the award has been her greatest personal achievement to date.

“One thing I will never forget was meeting Tim Winton. He was such a friendly, down to earth and humble man [and] the thing that meant the most to me was having my work recited to the audience. It really inspired me to keep writing.”

She continued: “I believe the most important reason to enter the competition is that whether you are lucky enough to be a finalist or even a winner, the satisfaction of finishing a piece of writing that you are truly proud of is just as great as the prize that you get if you win.”

Entries for the 2014 Tim Winton Award for Young Writers close at 5pm on Sunday 8 June. Western Australian school students aged five to eighteen are eligible to submit an original piece of prose writing of no more than 2000 words in length.

Submission details and entry forms are available from the Subiaco Library, 237 Rokey Road, Subiaco, or online at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au

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