



THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

YOUNG WRITER AWARD 2013

The Astronomical Society of New South Wales (ASNSW) Young Writer Award is a competition for talented students interested in astronomy. The competition is open to school students from Year 8 to Year 11 and is designed to encourage students to write articles on astronomy for publication in the ASNSW's "Universe" journal.

ENTRY CRITERIA

The entrant must be a student in Year 8 through Year 11 and must either:

- Be a member of the Space Odyssey Team;
- Be a member of the Astronomical Society of NSW;
- Be the child of a member of the Astronomical Society of NSW.

The entry must be the student's own work and there is a limit of one entry per person.

The entry should be written as a magazine article. Any astronomical topic is permitted including articles on astronomical experiences, history, projects or observations. Some examples of topics would include:

- Your trip to an observatory;
- Viewing a lunar eclipse, planet, meteor shower or other astronomical event;
- History of an observatory or an astronomer;
- Your project or research on some astronomical phenomenon;
- Your experiences in trying to image or view an astronomical object;
- Any other astronomical topic. Let your imagination run wild.

FORMAT OF ENTRIES

Entries should be submitted as a 1 to 2 page article using a portrait A4 page size and Times New Roman 12 point font. They may include images, graphs, diagrams or other visual material as appropriate, but must not exceed two A4 pages.

Entries should be submitted in PDF format, but please also submit as a Word document (.doc or .docx) where possible.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

Entries must be **received by 5pm, 13th October 2013**. Late entries will not be accepted.

Entries can be submitted via email to editor@asnsw.com or by post to:

ASNSW Writing Competition, PO BOX 870, Epping, NSW 1710.

All entries must be accompanied by a fully completed ASNSW Young Writer Competition entry form.

JUDGING

The judging panel will consist of three ASNSW Members who will rank entries based on writing style, effective use of language, creativity, accuracy and reader interest. Prize winners will be announced on the **4th November 2013**.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to one overall winner and two runners up.

The winner will receive:

- The ASNSW Young Writer medal;
- A \$200 gift certificate for the Binocular and Telescope Shop;
- Publication of their article in the ASNSW's Universe Magazine;
- A one year membership to the ASNSW.

The two runners up will receive:

- A certificate from the ASNSW;
- Publication of their article in the ASNSW's Universe Magazine;
- A one year membership to the ASNSW