

How to Enter

Submission deadline is **Saturday, October 31, 2026.**

Entries can be dropped off in-person, mailed, or emailed to:

Ajax Public Library
55 Harwood Avenue S.
Ajax, ON L1S 2H8
Attn: Elaine Lievaart
libraryinfo@ajaxlibrary.ca

Ajax Community Centre
75 Centennial Road
Ajax, ON L1S 4S4
Attn: Moninder Nahar
55plus@ajax.ca



55+ Ajax Amateur Short Story Contest

**Prizes
awarded
to top three
selected!**



Contest Information

- Participants must be 55+ and a resident of Ajax.
- Gift certificates will be awarded to the winning stories as follows:
 - 1st prize – \$100
 - 2nd prize – \$50
 - 3rd prize – \$25
- Prizes will be awarded at the judges' discretion. The decision of the judges is final.
- Failure to follow the guidelines and to provide complete, legible, and accurate information on the cover page will disqualify the submission.
- Prizes will be awarded in November 2026.
- The staff and immediate family members of the Ajax Library Board, the Ajax Public Library, the Older Adults Advisory Committee, the Town of Ajax Recreation, Culture and Community Development Department, and the Older Adults Task Force are not eligible to enter.



Guidelines for Authors

- The theme for this year's contest is **"A Recipe for Happiness."**
- Each participant may enter up to two fictional pieces.
- Entries must be the original work of the submitter and may not be submitted or accepted elsewhere for publication. Winners will be asked to sign a disclaimer.
- Entries must be no longer than 1000 words with a word count provided.
- Entries must be double-spaced and typed. Hand written entries will not be considered.
- Entries may be submitted either electronically or hard copy.
- If hard copy, the pages of the work must be clipped together, not stapled.
- Pages must be numbered and the title of the work must appear in the top header, left corner of every page.
- For anonymity in judging, do not identify yourself on the entry itself. Enclose a cover page with the title, your name, address, phone number, email address, and word count.
- The deadline for submissions is **Saturday, October 31, 2026.**
- Winners will be asked to provide an electronic copy of their submission, if not already provided.
- Winning submissions may be published by the Library or Town of Ajax Recreation, Culture and Community Development Department.
- Winners will be announced on the 55plus website and the Ajax Public Library's website.