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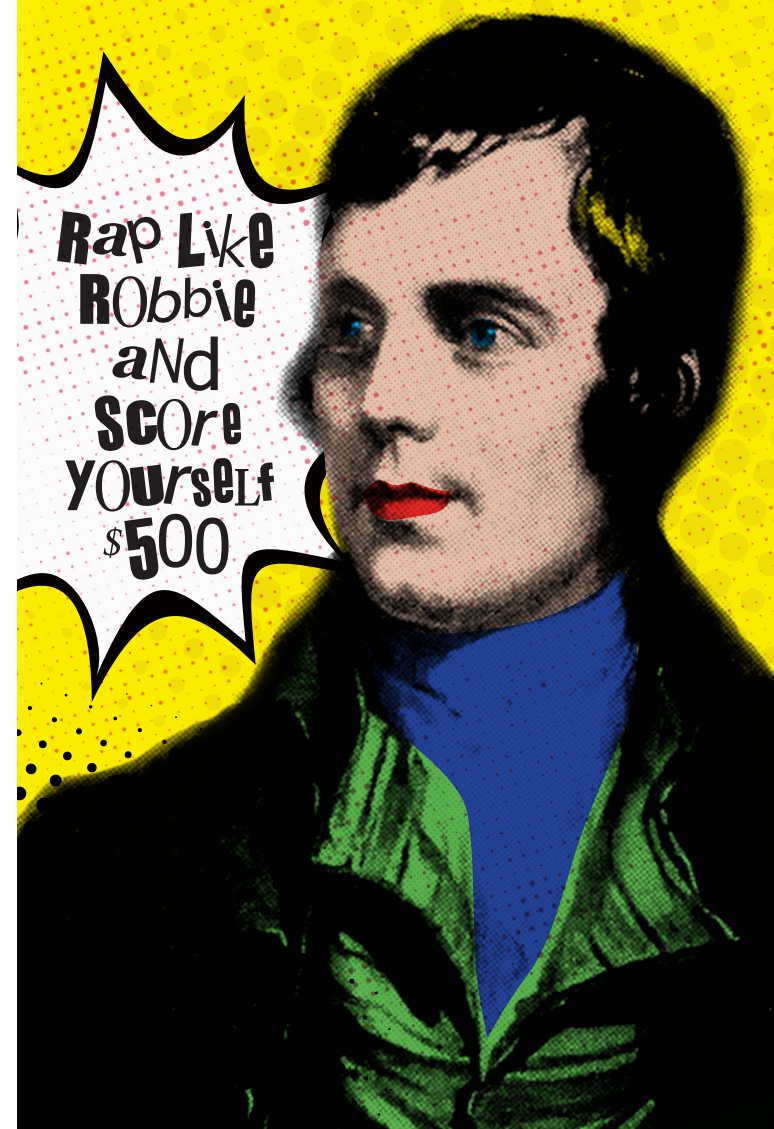


## CONDITIONS Of ENTRY

- The 2021 Robert Burns Teen Poetry Competition runs until Friday 19 November.
- Entries close Friday 19 November, at 5pm.
- Late entries will not be accepted.
- A strict word count of 500 words max will be imposed.
- All poems must be original to the person on the entry form and unpublished. You may submit more than one entry, but each entry must be submitted separately.
- Entries will be judged anonymously by the selected panel.
- Do not put your name on the poem, but do put a title on the poem and ensure that the title on your entry form matches that on your poem.
- The decision of the judges is final.
- Winning entrants will be selected and informed by Monday 13 December 2021.
- Young poets must be aged between 11 and 17 years inclusive at the time of entry.
- First, Second and Third Prizes will be awarded.
- First prize package includes a cheque for \$500 sponsored by the Dunedin Edinburgh Sister City Society, and tickets for the winner plus 1 to attend the Burns Dinner on 25th January 2022, sponsored by the Dunedin UNESCO City of Literature.
- Winners will be publicly announced and prizes presented on Tuesday 25th January 2022 between 12.30pm and 1.30pm, at the Dunedin City Library.
- Prize winners will be invited to read their poem at the prizegiving, or may choose for their poem to be read on their behalf. First place winner will be invited to read their poem at the Burns Dinner on the evening of 25th January 2022.
- If unable to attend, arrangements will be made for winning prizes to be collected by, or delivered to, the winner.
- Prize-winning poems will be published in the digital edition of the Otago Daily Times, in the Dunedin Public Libraries' e-magazine NB, and on the Dunedin Public Libraries' website.
- A copy of all entries will be retained by the Dunedin Public Libraries, unless an entrant requests otherwise.
- Please submit a copy of your original poem as entries will not be returned.

## POETRY COMPETITION

Rap Like  
Robbie  
and  
Score  
Yourself  
\$500



# A Brief History

ROBERT BURNS WAS A ROCK STAR BACK IN THE DAY. HE WROTE ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM NATURE TO SEX, DRINKING, POVERTY, EQUALITY, FLIRTING, LOVE, DRINK, WOMEN, AND A LOT ABOUT REMORSE!

IF HE WAS ALIVE TODAY, HE MIGHT BE LOADING HIS STUFF ON SPOTIFY AND TWEETING HIS FANS. SOMETIMES HE WROTE IN SCOTS, SOMETIMES IN ENGLISH, AND HE HAD A WICKED SENSE OF HUMOUR.

Why not write your own poem inspired by Robert Burns and score \$500, sponsored by the Dunedin-Edinburgh Sister City Society! You can write about whatever you like, in English or you can have a go at writing in Scots. It can be any style – just read a bit of Burns' work and see where it takes you.

This year's theme is NEW SCOTLAND. You can choose to write your poem in response to these questions:

How has Scottish culture evolved at home and abroad? Do the Scots become more Scottish the further they travel from the homeland? What happens when cultures blend or collide, with travel and migration?

Need a bit of help with your poem? **Email:** [library@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:library@dcc.govt.nz) and we'll put you in touch with a poet to help workshop your poetry.

**Resources to get you started:**

<https://hail.to/dunedin-public-libraries/article/kjS2Yox>

## HOW DO I ENTER?

To enter you must be aged between 11 and 17 years old and a resident of Otago.

Fill out the entry form or visit <http://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/whats-on/competitions> to enter online

Submit a copy of your poem with your entry form by **5pm Friday 19 November 2021.**

Poems must be no longer than 500 words.

## What if I win?

### THE PRIZES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### 1ST PRIZE:

- Stan Forbes Medal
- **\$500** generously sponsored by the Dunedin-Edinburgh Sister City Society
- Poem published in the online edition of the Otago Daily Times newspaper
- 2 tickets to the Robert Burns Birthday Supper hosted by the Toitū Otago Settlers Museum. Tickets sponsored by Dunedin UNESCO City of Literature

#### 2ND PRIZE: Certificate

#### 3RD PRIZE: Certificate

All prize winners will be invited to attend a ceremony on 25th January 2022 (Robert Burns' birthday), at Dunedin City Library, and will be asked to read their poem on receipt of their prize. Prize winners may nominate someone else to read for them if they prefer.

## ENTRY form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE OF POEM:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(please include your poem with your entry form)*

- ☐ I agree for a copy of my poem to be retained by the Dunedin Public Libraries, and to be published on [www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz)
- ☐ I agree for my poem to be published by the Otago Daily Times should it win.

**ENTRIES CLOSE:** Friday 19 November 2021 | 5pm

**POST:** 2021 Robert Burns Poetry Competition  
C/- Kay Mercer  
Dunedin Public Libraries  
PO Box 5542  
Dunedin 9054

**DOWNLOAD:** [www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/whats-on/competitions](http://www.dunedinlibraries.govt.nz/whats-on/competitions)