

AWMA WRITING COMPETITION



OPENS 1st of FEBRUARY, 2025 CLOSES 14th of JUNE, 2025

THEME: MARTIAL ARTS

This year Albury Wodonga Martial Arts (AWMA) is celebrating our 10th year! Amongst our special events we are including a writing competition on the theme of Martial Arts with our friends at Martial Artists Magazine Australia publishing the winning entries.

It can be either fiction or non-fiction and you don't have to be a martial artist to enter. It could be a story featuring martial arts or you could write an essay about an aspect of training. Or a piece about what martial arts means to you. Whatever you like, as long as martial arts are a central part and you treat it with respect.

Proceeds after entry fees and expenses will go to an amazing local organization, Yes Unlimited. This not-for-profit organisation has been delivering services for more than 40 years. They aim to build thriving communities and focus on working with young people, people experiencing homelessness and families escaping domestic and family violence. As a family focused dojo, we value the work that organisations such as Yes, Unlimited do to help the most vulnerable in our community.

We are pleased to announce our judges:

Vanessa McKay Publications Manager of Martial Arts Magazine Australia

Noah Legel Renshi 4th Dan

Owner of Illinois Practical Karate

Justin Colbert Renshi 5th Dan

Owner of Albury Wodonga Martial Arts

In addition to the prizes in each category, any entrant who can attend classes in either Wodonga or Beechworth is eligible for the local prize of 6 weeks of free lessons. Or the winner can elect someone to take the lessons instead. So, if you would like to try martial arts or you would like a taste of a different style to your own, don't forget to tick the LOCAL box on the entry form!

Categories:

A. Open: Aged 16 and Above

Entry Fee: \$10

Maximum words: 1,000

First: \$200 & 2-year digital subscription to Martial Arts Magazine Australia (value \$98) Second: \$100 & 2-year digital subscription to Martial Arts Magazine Australia (value \$98) Third: \$50 & 2-year digital subscription to Martial Arts Magazine Australia (value \$98)

B. 10 to 15 years old

Entry Fee: \$5

Maximum words: 750

First: \$100 Harvey Norman Gift Voucher & 2-year digital subscription to Martial Arts Magazine Australia

(value \$98)

Second: \$50 & 2-year digital subscription to Martial Arts Magazine Australia (value \$98) Third: \$25 & 2-year digital subscription to Martial Arts Magazine Australia (value \$98)



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C. 9 years and under Entry Fee: \$5

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LOCAL AWARD (one prize only)

6 x weeks free classes with Albury Wodonga Martial Arts

The winner of this award, or a person that the winner elects, must be able to attend classes in either Wodonga or Beechworth.

Results will be announced during the birthday celebrations in July. The date is yet to be confirmed.



If you would like to make a donation directly to Yes, Unlimited please head to: https://yesunlimited.com.au/i-want-to-help/
(Note: this does NOT count toward your entry fees)









