

# 2025 EXPLORE

## Budding writers competition for Year 6 students

As part of the Explore program, Year 6 students are invited to participate in a career-themed writing competition. Students should think critically about their desired career and share this in a story about what a day in their perfect career would be like.

### The Competition Writing Entry: story

Students think critically about their desired career and communicate that thinking to an audience in a story. The flash fiction piece must be written in first person (I, me or we) and must detail the student's ideal role (eg nurse, scientist, builder) in a perfect world.

### REQUIREMENTS

All entries must be a maximum of two pages in length (approximately 800 words) and must be word processed; we cannot accept handwritten entries. Entries should be posted to the Explore Team at UniSC along with the Writing Entry Form completed by the teacher (only one entry form per class is required). UniSC can provide pre-paid satchels for schools to post their entries in, just let us know by email if you would like us to send one to you.

### PRIZES

**First prize:** The winning student will receive a tablet computer up to the value of \$200 and their class will receive a \$200 EDSCO gift card for their teacher to purchase educational supplies.

**Runners up:** Five students will receive prizes and certificates of commendation.

### CLOSING DATE

11pm (AEST), Friday 12 September 2025

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY

Competition entries can only be accepted from UniSC partner schools. If you have any questions about the competition or you require a pre-paid satchel to post your entries, please email [pathways@usc.edu.au](mailto:pathways@usc.edu.au) or call the Explore Team on 07 5430 2893.

## EXPLORE

The Explore program offers a creative approach for developing the breadth of students' career aspirations in Years 4, 5 and 6. Through a series of career-themed activities, students develop an awareness of their own skills and interests while discovering which skills are necessary for a range of different jobs.

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## WRITING ENTRY FORM

**Please note:** Only one writing entry form is required per class.

School:

Class:

Teachers name:

Teachers email:

School's phone number:

Total number of design entries being submitted:

Entering the competition helped to broaden my students career aspirations (please tick one response below).

Strongly disagree  Disagree  Neutral  Agree  Strongly agree

By entering this competition, I agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Teacher's signature:

Date:

## LODGEMENT

Please post the completed writing entry form along with students design entries to:

**The Explore Team – ML71**  
University of the Sunshine Coast  
90 Sippy Downs Drive  
Sippy Downs, QLD 4556

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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### General

1. The University of the Sunshine Coast ABN 28 441 859 157 (UniSC) is the Promoter.
2. The Promoter is running the 2025 Explore Program Budding Writers competition for Year 6 Students (the Competition). The theme of the Competition is "story of your ideal career" (Theme).
3. Entry into the Competition is open to year 6 students (Students) currently enrolled in schools which have been invited by the Promoter to participate in the 2025 Explore Program (Eligible Schools).
4. Students must create and submit a piece of writing (Writing Entry) which addresses the Theme.
5. Each Writing Entry must:
  - (a) be an original work;
  - (b) be word processed;
  - (c) be no longer than two pages (approximately 800 words); and
  - (d) include the Student's name and school on each page.
6. Eligible schools may assist Students to word process their Writing Entries, but the creative content of the Writing Entries must be the Students' own work.
7. Eligible Schools should submit their Students' Writing Entries via post to: The Explore Team—ML 71, University of the Sunshine Coast, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs, QLD 4556
8. Entry into the Competition will be deemed as acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.

#### Competition Entry

9. The Competition opens at 1am (AEST) on Monday 28 July 2025 and ends at 11pm (AEST) on Friday 12 September 2025.
10. Entries are deemed to be received at the time of receipt by the Promoter not at the time of transmission by the Eligible School.
11. No responsibility is taken by the Promoter for late, lost or misdirected entries.
12. There is no fee to enter the Competition, but Eligible Schools are responsible for all the costs associated with the Writing Entries.
13. By entering the Competition, Eligible Schools hereby warrant that all information submitted in a Writing Entry Form is true, accurate and complete in every respect.
14. The Promoter reserves the right, at any time to verify the validity of entries and the eligibility of Students and Eligible Schools (including a Student's identity) and to disqualify any Student or Eligible School who:
  - (a) submits a Writing Entry that is not in accordance with these Terms and Conditions;
  - (b) submits a Writing Entry that contains any objectionable content, or has the potential to damage the reputation of any person or the Promoter;
  - (c) tampers with the entry process;
  - (d) displays misconduct in any way during any stage of this Competition; or
  - (e) does not comply with these Terms and Conditions.
15. Failure by the Promoter to enforce any of its rights at any stage does not constitute a waiver of those rights.

#### Competition Rules

16. Only one Writing Entry per Student must be submitted in this Competition.
17. Eligible Schools warrant that a Student's Writing Entry, and its use by the Promoter, will not infringe the rights (including intellectual property rights) of any third party.
18. Incomplete, indecipherable or illegible Writing Entries will be deemed to be invalid by the Promoter in its sole discretion.
19. By entering the Competition, Eligible Schools agree to grant to the Promoter a world-wide, non-exclusive, royalty free, perpetual, irrevocable and transferrable licence to use the intellectual property rights (including copyright) in the Students' Writing Entries for the purposes of:
  - (a) conducting the Competition;
  - (b) ongoing educational purposes; and
  - (c) use in future marketing and/or promotional material including on the Promoter's website and other social media platforms.
20. Failure to adhere to the Competition Rules may result in disqualification, which will be at the absolute discretion of the Promoter.



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### Judging of Design Entries and Prize

21. The Writing Entries will be judged from 15 September until 10 October 2025 by a judge as selected by the Promoter in its sole discretion.
22. The judge will consider the quality and creativity of the Student's Writing Entry as it relates to the Theme and select a winner and five (5) runners up (in the Promoter's absolute discretion).
23. The Promoter will notify the Eligible Schools of the outcome of the Competition during the week commencing 13 October 2025 using the email address provided by the relevant teacher in the Writing Entry Form. It is the responsibility of Eligible Schools to keep themselves informed as to any such notifications.
24. If an Eligible School is unable to be contacted within fourteen (14) days after the notification, the Promoter may choose another winner or runner up in its sole discretion.
25. The prize details are:
  - (a) The winning student will receive a tablet computer up to the value of \$200, and their class will receive a \$200 EDSO gift card for their teacher to purchase educational supplies with;
  - (b) Five (5) runners up will receive prizes and certificates of commendation.
26. If the prize is unavailable, the Promoter, in its absolute discretion, reserves the right to substitute the prize with a prize of similar value and/or specification.
27. The Promoter's decision as to the prize winner is final and no correspondence will be entered into in relation to the outcome of the Competition or otherwise.
28. The Promoter may, but is not obliged, to publish the results of the Competition. Unless otherwise advised by the Eligible School, by entering this Competition, Eligible Schools agree to the Promoter publishing their name and Students' names on the UniSC website ([usc.edu.au](http://usc.edu.au)), social media platforms and associated websites.

### Liability and Indemnity

29. Except for any liability that cannot be excluded by law, the Promoter (including its officers, employees and agents) excludes all liability (including negligence), for any personal injury; or any loss or damage (including loss of opportunity) whether direct, indirect, special or consequential, arising in any way out of the Competition, including, but not limited to, where arising out of the following:
  - (a) any technical difficulties or equipment malfunction (whether or not under the Promoter's control);
  - (b) any theft, unauthorised access or third party interference;
  - (c) any entry or prize claim that is late, lost, altered, damaged or misdirected (whether or not after their receipt by the Promoter) due to any reason beyond the reasonable control of the Promoter;
  - (d) any variation in prize value to that stated in these Terms and Conditions;
  - (e) any tax liability incurred by a winner or Student; or
  - (f) use of the prize.
30. Each Eligible School indemnifies and keeps indemnified the Promoter against all claims, losses, damages and expenses suffered by the Promoter or any third parties arising out of the breach of these Terms and Conditions by the Eligible School or Student, the conduct of the Eligible School or Student in the Competition, the use of the prize or any loss or damage to a Writing Entry.

### General

31. The Promoter reserves the right to cancel or amend all or any part of the Competition without notice for any event that is outside of the Promoter's reasonable control. Any changes to, or cancellation of, the Competition will be posted on the Promoter's website ([usc.edu.au](http://usc.edu.au)). It is the responsibility of Eligible Schools to keep themselves informed as to any such changes.
32. If, due to circumstances beyond the Promoter's control, the integrity or administration of the Competition is adversely affected, the Promoter reserves the right, in its sole discretion:
  - (a) to disqualify any participant; or
  - (b) to modify, suspend, terminate or cancel the Competition, as appropriate.
33. In the event of any dispute regarding the conduct or results of the Competition, or any other matter relating to the Competition, the decision of the Promoter shall be final and unchallengeable and no correspondence or discussion shall be entered into, comment issued, or reason given in respect of any decision made by the Promoter.
34. The Promoter reserves the right at any time to change these Terms and Conditions.
35. The Promoter may use any personal information that an Eligible School or Student provides with their entry for the purposes of the Competition, and for marketing purposes including the distribution of regular email updates or newsletters. Any personal information relating to Students will be used in compliance with the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld), and as per the Promoter's Information Management Framework – Governing Policy.
36. Any questions or concerns arising in relation to the interpretation of these Terms and Conditions may be raised by emailing the Promoter at [pathways@usc.edu.au](mailto:pathways@usc.edu.au)