

KHITON LITERARY AWARD



The Khiton Literary Award celebrates young writers whose work demonstrates honesty, originality, and exceptional craft.

We are looking for essays that are beautifully written and edited, reveal deep thinking, vivid imagery and an authentic voice.

THEME

Rewilding the Psyche

How do you understand presence, identity, and attention in today's world?

"Rewilding the Psyche" may be interpreted in any way you choose. Your essay may explore returning to yourself, resisting distraction, finding meaning in community or nature, recovering from loss, questioning modern life, or offering an entirely different perspective.

We value thoughtful writing over agreement.

Surprise us.

ESSAY SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

For U.S. High School Writers (Ages 16+) • Deadline: September 30, 2026

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Category: Essay or Memoir
- Theme: Rewilding the Psyche
- Submission Period: July 14 – September 30, 2026
- Entry Fee: None
- Maximum Length: 1,000 words
- Limit: One submission per author
- Eligibility: Writers ages 16+ currently enrolled in high school (or homeschool equivalent)
- Residency: Open to students residing in the United States
- Submission Method: Online

Upload your Essay using the Form on www.khiton.org/theliteraryaward

AWARD

The winning essay will be published in Khiton Free Press – Issue No. 2.

The recipient will receive:

- \$100 honorarium
- Publication in Khiton Free Press – Issue No. 2
- Five complimentary copies of the magazine

Selected finalists may also be considered for publication.

RESPONSE TIMELINE

All entrants will receive a response regarding their submission by September 30, 2026.

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