WHO IS BEA?
BrookEdge Academy ("BEA") is a not-for-profit organization advancing education, headquartered in Canada and operated by high school student volunteers. BEA volunteers come from sixteen countries.

WHAT IS OERP?
Open Educational Resources Project ("OERP") is one of the major initiatives that BEA launched and promotes for the appreciation of the beauty in literature and multiculturalism in our society. The blog section on the BEA website is the centre stage of OERP.

WHO TEAMS UP?
Writers volunteer by their pens. Writing Editors review the submissions from Writers. Photographers and Artists create illustrations or cover images for successful submissions.

BrookEdge Academy’s volunteers showcase good writing samples to the world by publishing blogs on its website. The main readership is constituted of the children of school ages and their families.

At the current stage, blogs are published in English.
Blog Writing is ideal for those who are passionate about writing and who appreciate the flexibility of volunteering from home without a fixed working schedule.

To become a new writing volunteer, the applicant should (1) fill in the Volunteer Application Form for High School Students; and (2) provide at least one writing sample in English that is representative of the Applicant’s writing style and achievement, that passes the screening.

Once onboarded, the Blog Writers could submit their writing works at any point throughout the year and as many as they want. Writers may choose to submit their poetry, fiction or non-fiction works. Submissions must be unpublished, original and exclusively owned by the Writer before they are submitted to BEA.

Next, Writing Editors will review the submissions and decide which are good to proceed with editing and polishing and which are not. For those to-be-published submissions, Photographers or Artists will be involved to highlight the truth and shine of the writing through cover images or illustrations. After a new blog is out, the Writer will be notified of the success and termed volunteer hours recognized. A submission typically takes three to four weeks to process.
“Writing is the geometry of the soul.”
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What to submit?

Genres
Genres that are accepted include:

Fiction
- Short story
- Fable
- Retold myth

Non-fiction
- Personal account
  - Event
  - Memory
  - Reflection
- Subject-related informative text
  - Short Essay
  - Explanation of holidays in various cultures
  - Weird and fun words, plants or animals

Poetry
- Poem and Its Description

Themes
Themes that are accepted include:

Anything that is family-friendly and fits for educational purposes in general.

Do’s
Submit your original and unpublished works
Contain a catchy title
Proofread before submission

Don’ts
Never plagiarize
Never use other’s intellectual property without permission
Never submit published works
Never submit a Google-translated work
Never touch political or religious topics
Never include harsh language, violence or substance abuse
## Volunteer Hours

### Reference Table of Volunteer Hours for Blog Writers*

Recognized upon acceptance:

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<tr>
<th>Genres</th>
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*Effective as of March 21, 2022, till the next notification.