

Six Categories ! Easy to Enter ! Cash Prizes

2012 Writers-Editors Network 29th Annual International Writing Competition

(formerly CNW/FFWA Florida State Writing Competition)

See list of Winners for recent years at www.writers-editors.com

Who Can Enter

! The contest is open to all writers. You do not have to be a member of Writers-Editors Network (a.k.a. Cassell Network of Writers). However, members of our Network (which includes FFWA) save up to 50% on entry fees. For membership information, contact CNW/FFWA, PO Box A, North Stratford NH 03590; fax (603) 922-8339; or visit our website: www.writers-editors.com for membership info, to print out additional contest entry forms, for other national contest listings, writing tips, and more.

Deadline

! Entries must be postmarked no later than **March 15, 2012**.

Divisions & Categories

- ! *Nonfiction Division:* (A) Previously Published Article/Essay/Column/Nonfiction Book Chapter — (B) Unpublished or self-published Article/Essay/Column/Nonfiction Book Chapter
- ! *Fiction Division:* (C) Unpublished or self-published Short Story — (D) Unpublished or self-published Novel Chapter
- ! *Children's Literature Division:* (E) Unpublished or self-published Short Story/Article/Book Chapter/Poem (all in one category)
- ! *Poetry Division:* (F) Unpublished or self-published Free Verse/Traditional (judged together as one category)

Awards & Prizes

- ! First Place in each Category - \$100 plus certificate
- ! Second Place in each Category - \$75 plus certificate
- ! Third Place in each Category - \$50 plus certificate
- ! Honorable Mention certificates will be awarded in each category as warranted

Winner Notification

- ! Winners' certificates/awards will be mailed no later than May 31, 2012.
- ! Winners List will be posted on our Web site — www.writers-editors.com — around May 31, 2012.

Entry Fees

- ! Entry fee of \$5 (active or new CNW/FFWA members) or \$10 (non-members) must accompany each fiction/nonfiction entry under 3,000 words
- ! Entry fee of \$10 (members) or \$20 (non-members) must accompany each entry of 3,000 words to 5,000 words
- ! Entry fee of \$3 (members) or \$5 (non-members) must accompany each poem entered.

General Guidelines

- ! Entries must be unpublished or self-published – with the exception of Category A - the Nonfiction/Previously Published Article/Essay/Book Chapter category.
- ! Previously Published Article/Column/Nonfiction Book Chapter (category A) entries may be submitted in double-spaced manuscript format or copies of published material – if writer's name is unrecognizable. **Only one book chapter per entry.**
- ! Length: Maximum length: 5,000 words; plus, children's literature entries must adhere to typical type, age and length guidelines in order to be judged favorably.
- ! Enter as many manuscripts in as many categories as you wish. Entry fee and a separate Official Entry Form must accompany each entry (and each poem); photocopies of the entry form are acceptable. Send only one copy of each entry.
- ! Entries not conforming to contest rules will be disqualified; entry fees will not be returned. Entries beyond the 5,000-word limit will be judged only on the first 5,000 words submitted. Do not submit complete book – one book chapter per entry only.
- ! Use paper clips only. Do not staple manuscript pages, entry forms or checks. No cover page needed.
- ! Author's name must **NOT** appear on any entry. If on self- or previously-published work, cover name so it is not readable.
- ! Indicate Division and Category of each entry on upper right corner of first page of manuscript.
- ! Submit text only in a readable font, such as Times Roman or Arial.

Other Information

- ! Acknowledgment of receipt of manuscripts will be made only if you enclose a self-addressed **postcard** (with adequate postage). Manuscripts CANNOT be returned; therefore, legible photocopies or computer printouts are suggested for submission.
- ! For list of winners, send self-addressed, stamped #10 (business size 4"x9½") envelope marked "winners" on the outside. Winners list will be mailed by May 31, plus will be posted on www.writers-editors.com. (Only **one** envelope per entrant needed.)
- ! Neither entries nor winners will be published in an anthology or other publication; authors retain all rights to their works.

Specific Division/Category Guidelines

! *Nonfiction Division*

- ✓Previously Published must show name of magazine, newspaper or Web site in which it was published.
- ✓Essay/Column can be opinion, personal experience, nostalgia, think-piece, or humor.

! *Fiction Division*

- ✓For Short Story, indicate whether Literary, Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction, Fantasy, Western on first page.
- ✓Indicate book title plus chapter title or # on each Fiction/Novel Chapter entry and entry form (multiple chapter entries require a separate entry form and separate entry fee for each chapter).

! Children's Literature Division

- ✓Indicate the age group of your readers and the word count on first page of entry.
- ✓Also on the first page, specify the category of children's literature: Poem, Short Story, Book Chapter, Article, etc.
- ✓Do not include art, illustrations, or bound copies of a book. Submit a book chapter only. Entries cannot be returned.

! *Poetry Division*

- ✓Include the poem's line count and whether Free Verse or Traditional on the manuscript page.
- ✓For traditional metered and syllabic poems, specify the form, such as Sonnet, Villanelle, Sestina, or Renga.
- ✓Each entry must be a single poem, not a book of verse.

See Web site for additional guidelines and tips that do not fit here.

Judging Criteria

- ! Presentation (format, follows rules, neatness, spelling, punctuation, grammar, print quality).
- ! Suitability (correct category, correct age group and appropriate length if children's division).
- ! Tightness, clarity, structure, strength of lead/beginning, transitions, impact, satisfactory close.
- ! Nonfiction: Logic; use of quotes, statistics and anecdotes; order; provocative idea; lead and close.
- ! Fiction: Characterization, conflict, dialogue, plotting, beginning, ending, figures of speech.
- ! Poetry: Fresh concept, cadence or rhythmic beat, sound echoes, any other device (such as figurative language) that appeals to the imagination or engages the reader's senses; and for traditional verse, adherence to form.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - 2012 Writers-Editors Network Writing Competition

A separate form must accompany each entry (article, story, book chapter, poem); photocopy before completing for multiple entries; or print out at www.writers-editors.com. **Postmark Deadline: March 15, 2012.**

1. Author's name _____
Note how you want your name on Winners List/Certificate if different from above: _____
2. Author's mailing address _____
3. Author's phone number (_____) _____
4. E-mail: _____
5. TITLE of entry _____
6. FIRST LINE of entry _____
7. Circle **Division/Category** of this entry:
A-**Nonfiction/Previously Published** B-**Nonfiction/Unpublished or Self-Published** (Nonfiction = article, essay, book chapter)
C-**Fiction/Short Story** (unpublished or self-published) D-**Fiction/Novel Chapter** (unpublished or self-published)
E-**Children's/ Short Story / Nonfiction Article / Book Chapter / Poem** – circle one of these four (unpublished or self-pub)
F-**Poetry/ Free Verse / Traditional** – circle one of these two (unpublished or self-published)
8. ENTRY FEE (check one and enclose fee with entry and entry form):
Membership number if entering as a current CNW/FFWA member (see your Press ID card/tag if not sure): _____
G\$3, I am a current CNW/FFWA member or am joining at this time (dues enclosed), **and entry is one poem**
G\$5, I am not a member and am not joining at this time, **and entry is one poem**
G\$5, I am a current CNW/FFWA member or am joining at this time (dues also enclosed), and entry is under 3,000 words
G\$10, I am not a member and am not joining at this time and entry is under 3,000 words
G\$10, I am a current CNW/FFWA member (or membership dues enclosed) and entry is between 3,000 and 5,000 words
G\$20, I am not a member and am not joining at this time and entry is between 3,000 and 5,000 words
Make entry fee **check or money order payable to: CNW Publishing**. One check may be written to cover multiple entries if all are mailed in same package (but enclose separate entry forms for each entry). (US \$ only)
If entry fees/dues total \$25 or more, you may charge to: VISA, MasterCard, Discover, Amex (but only if all in same package). Charge will appear on your card statement as "Cassell Commun/CNW Publish." Send SASE if you want receipt mailed to you.
Card # _____ exp. _____ Total \$ charged _____ (\$25 or more)
credit card signature _____ (Or send fee[s] via PayPal to writers.editors@gmail.com.) PDF
9. SEND entry form(s), with entry(ies) & fees, to: CNW/FFWA, PO Box A, North Stratford NH 03590 by postmark March 15, 2012.