

2019 PNWA Literary Contest

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY **MARCH 29, 2019**



CONTEST CATEGORIES & SPONSERS

1. MAINSTREAM/ LITERARY
2. HISTORICAL - Pam Binder
3. ROMANCE - Gerri Russell
4. MYSTERY/THRILLER - Robert Dugoni
5. SCI-FI/FANTASY/PARANORMAL
6. YOUNG ADULT
7. MIDDLE GRADE
8. NONFICTION/MEMOIR - Donna Conrad
9. POETRY
10. SHORT STORY
11. CHILDREN'S PICTURE/CH. BOOK
12. ADULT SHORT TOPICS: ARTICLE/ESSAY/
SHORT MEMOIR - Behler Publications

Visit our website for category descriptions (pnwa.org).
See submission guidelines on reverse side.

AWARDS & BENEFITS:

The eight finalists in each category will be notified August, 2019 prior to the PNWA Fall Conference on September 12-15, 2019. Winners will be announced at the Award's Night Celebration.

Every entry accepted in the contest will receive two critiques.

Finalists who attend the PNWA Conference will receive a Finalist ribbon for their name badges, giving them high visibility to the agents and editors during the conference.

In addition, finalists' entries are read and judged by an agent or publisher to determine the top three in each category.

First, second & third place winners are given the opportunity to attend the Agents and Editors Reception at the PNWA Conference.

Awards will be given as follows:

- FIRST PLACE: \$600**
SECOND PLACE: \$250
THIRD PLACE: \$150

PNWA LITERARY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Pen Name (if different than above): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

(All correspondence will be via email.)

Entry Category Number and Title:

Category #: _____ Title of Entry or Poems: _____

\$35.00 per entry (PNWA Member) = \$ _____
 (joining members pay \$35.00 entry fee)

\$50.00 per entry (Non-member) = \$ _____

\$ 2.00 Handling Fee = \$ _____
 (Handling Fee includes, SASE for critiques)

2019 PNWA Member Dues (optional)

Regular @ \$65.00 (annual) = \$ _____

Current member number (if applicable): _____

Student @ \$25.00 (annual) = \$ _____
 (must provide copy of current Student I.D.)

Total (U.S.) = \$ _____

Payment Method:

Check/Money Order Visa MasterCard
 (make checks payable to PNWA)

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____

Where did you hear about our contest?

PNWA Member PNWA Website PNWA Mailing

Other (please specify): _____

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NEW

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR 2019

Your entry must be received by March 29, 2019

For more information, visit our website at www.pnwa.org.

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- The entry must follow the PNWA Literary Contest Rules.

Submission Guidelines for categories 1-8:

- **Maximum length: Entry and Synopsis MUST not exceed 6,500 words..** (Approximately 27 pages)
- **Entries that exceed the page or word limit will be disqualified.**
- Your entry must be sequential starting with your prologue or Chapter One.
- The entire entry must be double-spaced, in 12 point Times New Roman or Times (Mac).
- **Synopsis:** Visit our website on writing a synopsis.

CATEGORIES 1-8

Each of the following categories has the same submission guidelines

Category 1: MAINSTREAM/LITERARY

Category 2: HISTORICAL

Category 3: ROMANCE/WOMEN'S FICTION

Category 4: MYSTERY/THRILLER/HORROR

Category 5: SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY/PARANORMAL

Category 6: YOUNG ADULT (ages 12-18)

Category 7: MIDDLE GRADE (ages 8 - 12)

Category 8: NONFICTION/MEMOIR

Category 9: POETRY (Please note that this is the only category where a word count is not used).

- **Maximum length: 3 pages.** Each new poem must begin on a new page.
- Each poem must be titled on the entry form.
- Poem(s) must be targeted towards adult readers (no children's verse).
- Single-space within each stanza, double-space between stanzas, no multiple columns.
- Use 12 point Times New Roman or Times (Mac).

Category 10: SHORT STORY

- Maximum length: 3,000 words.
- Submit one complete fiction short story for adult readers.
- Use standard double-spaced manuscript format.
- May be mainstream or genre fiction.
- Use 12 point Times New Roman or Times (Mac).

Category 11: CHILDREN'S PICTURE/CHAPTER BOOK

- Maximum length: 3,000 words.
- Submit one of the two listed below:
 1. Text for a picture book (no illustrations/images of any kind); use standard double-spaced manuscript format.
 2. The first 3,000 words of a children's chapter book.
- Use 12 point Times New Roman or Times (Mac).

Category 12: SHORT TOPICS (Article/Essay/Short Memoir)

- Maximum length: 3,000 words.
- Submit one complete article, essay, or short memoir.
- Use standard double-spaced manuscript format.
- Use 12 point Times New Roman or Times (Mac).

CONTEST RULES

1. All entries must be **ORIGINAL** and **NOT** previously accepted for publication or production by contest deadline.
2. Entries must be **RECEIVED by March 29, 2019.**
3. Entries **WILL NOT** be returned.
4. Entry fees are non-refundable.

5. ENTRY RULES

- **Only ONE entry per category. (You cannot enter the same entry in multiply categories).**
- Entry and synopsis **MUST** adhere to the word count indicated under the category submission guidelines. Entries that exceed the word count will be disqualified.
- Entries from previous PNWA contests may be revised and re-entered (except for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners. These entries may **NOT** be re-entered).
- Each entry must use a separate entry form & pay a separate fee.
- **Double space entry and synopsis.**
- Your name **MUST NOT** appear on any page of the manuscript.
- Entries must be in English and the author's original work (no plagiarism).
- Entries must be typed.
- Entry layout must be on standard 8¹/₂ x 11" WHITE paper (one sided). *International entries may use their country's standard printing paper.*
- Entries must have 1" margins all around.
- All pages of the submission must have the category number, manuscript title, and page number listed in the upper right-hand corner. The page number does not need to fall within the 1" margin.
- Indent the first line of each paragraph or dialogue.
- Indicate scene breaks by three spaced asterisks.
- **DO NOT** include pictures, images, or drawings of any kind.

6. FOR MAIL IN ENTRIES:

- Include **THREE** copies of your entry (each copy separated with a colored sheet of paper and not stapled).
- The contest category number **MUST** appear on the outside of your mailing envelope.
- Entry can be **MAILED TO:** PNWA Literary Contest, PMB 2717, 1420 NW Gilman Blvd, Ste 2, Issaquah, WA 98027
- Or your entry can be **DROPPED OFF** at: Writers' Cottage, 317 NW Gilman Village, Ste 8, Issaquah, WA 98027 (please refer to our website for days and hours of operation).

7. DISQUALIFIED ENTRIES:

- Disqualified entries will receive an email stating the reason for disqualification and, time permitting, an opportunity to resubmit at no additional charge.
- Disqualified entries will not be eligible to become a finalist.
- Disqualified entries will receive only one critique.

• **VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO ENTER THE CONTEST ONLINE - pnwa.org**

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE
PNWA CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 12-15, 2019