**Deadline:** Entries must be submitted by April 15, 2024
**Paper Entries NOT Accepted—Digital Submission Only**

**NEW Pricing This Year!**
- $40.00 per entry (PNWA Member)
- $55.00 per entry (Non-Member)

**Notification of Finalists**
The eight finalists in each category will be notified **one month** before the PNWA 2024 Conference.

Winners will be announced at the conference.

- Every qualifying entry will receive two critiques.
- Finalists’ entries are read and judged by agents or publishers attending the conference.
- Agents and publishers will determine the top three entries in each category.

Agents and publishers may request an introduction to an author of an entry that they have read. Non-finalists are eligible to win **STANDOUT STORY and the Standout Story Badge.**

**Winning Entries**
First, second and third place winners are invited to attend the Agents and Publishers Contest Awards After Party Reception at the PNWA 2024 Conference

- **First Place:** $900.00 First Place Badge. Invitation to the Contest Awards After Party
- **Second Place:** Honorable Mention. Second Place Badge. Invitation to the Contest Awards After Party
- **Third Place:** Honorable Mention. Third Place Badge. Invitation to the Contest Awards After Party

**BEST OUT OF TWELVE AWARD**
All First Place winners are eligible for the Best out of 12 Award and receive the Best out of 12 Badge and $1,000.

**Categories for Submission**

1. Mainstream/Literary
2. Historical
3. Romance
4. Women's Fiction
5. Mystery/Thriller
6. Horror/Paranormal
7. Speculative Fiction/Fantasy
8. Middle Grade
9. Young Adult
10. Memoir/Nonfiction
11. Short Story
12. Children’s Picture/Ch. Book

**USE THE CHECKLIST ON THE BACK TO MAXIMIZE YOUR SCORE!**
SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR 2024
For more information, visit our website at www.pnwa.org/writingcontest

Please Note: Scoring Changes for the Unpublished Writing Contest

- Entries which violate the rules will not be eligible for the contest and therefore will only receive one critique. Please pay close attention to rules to maximize your chance to become a finalist.
- Entry fee is non-refundable.
- No replacement entries will be accepted.
- Scoring sheet available post-conference, upon request.

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Categories 1-10 Checklist
- Must only enter one entry per category. If multiple entries are entered in the same category, both entries will be disqualified from the contest and only receive one critique total.
- Must be no more than 27 pages, including the synopsis. If entry is longer than 27 pages, it will be disqualified from the contest and only receive one critique.
- Must be single-sided
- Page one must begin with synopsis (no cover page please.)
- Synopsis must be 1 to 2 pages

Categories 11-12 Checklist
- Must only enter one entry per category. If multiple entries are entered in the same category, both entries will be disqualified from the contest and only receive one critique total.
- Must be no more than 14 pages. If entry is longer than 14 pages, it will be disqualified from the contest and only receive one critique.
- Must be single-sided
- Must not include a Synopsis
- Must be in 12 point font
- Must be double-spaced

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- Entire document must be double-spaced
- Separate scenes with marks, ie. *** or ## #
- Must be in Times New Roman or Times font
- Have one inch margins
- Indent first line of each paragraph.
- No illustrations or images of any kind can be on entry.
- The title, category, and page number must be on every page on the top right-hand side of the header. (Does not need to fit in the 1 inch margins.)

- Must NOT enter the same entry in multiple categories. If the same entry is entered in multiple categories, all entries will be disqualified from the contest and only receive one critique.
- Your name cannot be on the entry including nonfiction/memoir except for the entry form. If your name appears on the entry (except entry form) you will not be entered into the contest and will only receive one critique.
- Entry fee is non-refundable.
- No replacement entries will be accepted.

- Must be in Times New Roman or Times font
- Must have one inch margins
- Must indent first line of each paragraph.
- Must be a complete piece of work.
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