



CONTEST CATEGORIES:

1. MAINSTREAM
2. HISTORICAL
3. ROMANCE/WOMEN'S FICTION
4. MYSTERY/THRILLER
5. SCI-FI/FANTASY/PARANORMAL
6. YOUNG ADULT
7. MIDDLE GRADE
8. NONFICTION/MEMOIR
9. POETRY
10. SHORT STORY
11. CHILDREN'S PICTURE/CH. BOOK
12. ADULT SHORT TOPICS:
ARTICLE/ESSAY/SHORT MEMOIR

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 in June 2014 prior to the PNWA Summer Conference on July 17-20, 2014. Winners will be announced at the conference.

Every entry accepted in the contest will receive two critiques, a useful tool for any writer.

Finalists who attend the PNWA Summer 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 editor to determine the top two in each category.

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

Awards will be given as follows:

- FIRST PLACE:** \$700
SECOND PLACE: \$300

PNWA LITERARY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

(This form is kept at the contest office and is not sent to the contest judges.)

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) = \$ _____

2014 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

Magazine (please specify): _____

Newspaper (please specify): _____

Other (please specify): _____

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

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

ENTRIES MUST BE **RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 21, 2014.**

- The entry must follow the PNWA Literary Contest Rules.

NOTE: Requirements that apply to all categories are stated in the Contest Rules; those that are specific to each category are listed here.

BOOK-LENGTH WORKS: Fiction & Nonfiction

Each of the following categories has the same submission guidelines as described below:

Category 1: MAINSTREAM

Category 2: HISTORICAL

Category 3: ROMANCE/WOMEN'S FICTION

Category 4: MYSTERY/THRILLER

Category 5: SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY/PARANORMAL

Category 6: YOUNG ADULT (ages 12-18)

Category 7: MIDDLE GRADE (ages 8 - 12)

Category 8: NONFICTION/MEMOIR

Submission Guidelines for categories 1-8:

- **Maximum length: 28 pages.** The 28 page limit includes your 1 page double-spaced synopsis and the first 27 pages of your book (beginning with chapter one or prologue). The entire entry must be double-spaced, in 12point Times New Roman or Times (Mac).
- **Synopsis:** Maximum 1 page. **Must be double-spaced.** The synopsis page number must be listed with your manuscript entry. Synopsis begins page one. Visit our website to download materials on writing a synopsis.

Category 9: POETRY

- 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 12point Times New Roman or Times (Mac).

Category 10: SHORT STORY

- Maximum length: 14 pages.
- Submit one complete fiction short story for adult readers.
- Use standard double-spaced manuscript format.
- May be mainstream or genre fiction.
- Use 12point Times New Roman or Times (Mac).

Category 11: CHILDREN'S PICTURE/CHAPTER BOOK

- Maximum length: 14 pages.
- 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 14 pages of a children's chapter book.
- Use 12point Times New Roman or Times (Mac).

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

- Maximum length: 14 pages.
- Submit one complete article, essay, or short memoir.
- Use standard double-spaced manuscript format.
- Use 12point Times New Roman or Times (Mac).

CONTEST RULES & CHECKLIST:

FAILURE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

1. All entries must be **ORIGINAL** and **NOT** previously accepted for publication or production by contest deadline.
2. Entries must be **RECEIVED** by February 21, 2014.
3. Category Restrictions:
 - An author may enter separate works in different categories.
 - **NEW RULE: Only ONE entry per category.**
 - Entries from previous PNWA contests may be revised and re-entered (except for finalist entries from previous years which may **NOT** be re-entered).

- Each entry must use a separate entry form and pay separate fee.
4. All entries **MUST**:
 - Be in English and the author's original work (no plagiarism).
 - Be typed or computer-printed.
 - Single-sided printing only (no staples).
 - Be double-spaced. (Except Category 9)
 - Typed or printed on standard 8^{1/2} x 11" **WHITE** paper (one sided). *International entries may use their country's standard printing paper.*
 - Have 1" margins all around.
 - Use an unjustified (ragged) right margin.
 - 12 point Times New Roman or Times (Mac). If you are using a typewriter, you may use either Elite or Pica type.
 - All pages of the submission must have the category number, manuscript title, and page number listed in the upper right-hand corner. (Category number, manuscript title and page number **DO NOT** need to fall within the 1" margin requirement.)
 - Indent the first line of each paragraph. (Except Category 9)
 - Indicate scene breaks (such as: POV/Location/Time change) by three spaced asterisks. (Except Category 9)
 5. **DO NOT** include pictures, images, or drawings of any kind.
 6. Your name must **NOT** appear on any page of the manuscript. Your name should only be located on your envelope, registration form, and return SASE (please adhere **two** postage stamps to your envelope).
 7. **NO** resubmissions or page replacements allowed.
 8. Exceeding maximum page limit will result in discarded extra pages. Your entry will be critiqued accordingly.
 9. Non-refundable fee for each entry:
 - PNWA member: \$35.00
 - Non-member: \$50.00
 10. Failure to follow instructions will result in disqualification. Should your entry be disqualified, you will receive an email stating the reason for disqualification and, time permitting, an opportunity to resubmit at no additional charge.

BEFORE GOING TO THE MAILBOX:

A successful contest entry includes:

- Completed contest entry form with full entry fee payment.
- All pages of the submission must have the category number, manuscript title, and page numbers located in the upper right-hand corner.
- **THREE clean copies of your entry** (each copy separated with a colored sheet of paper and not stapled).
- One #10 SASE (business size, **Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope—please adhere two postage stamps to your envelope**). SASE will be returned to entrant with **TWO** completed critiques. Each submission is judged and critiqued by two separate qualified readers. *NOTE: International entries must enclose either one International Reply Coupon or sufficient US postage on the SASE (used to return the two completed critiques). Foreign currency will not be accepted.*
- To receive notification that my entry was received (other than PNWA email communications) **I have included a self-addressed stamped postcard in my entry envelope.**
- The contest category number appears on the outside of my mailing envelope.
- One entry (only one per mailing envelope).
- My envelope can be **MAILED TO:** PNWA Literary Contest, PMB 2717, 1420 NW Gilman Blvd, Ste 2, Issaquah, WA 98027
My envelope can be **DROPPED OFF** (*not mailed*) at: Writers' Cottage, 317 NW Gilman Village, Ste 8, Issaquah, WA 98027 (please refer to our website for days and hours of operation).
- **My entry must be received no later than February 21, 2014, and has the category number on the outside of the envelope.**

SAVE THE DATE

CONTEST WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED
AT THE 2014 PNWA CONFERENCE, JULY 17-20, 2014.