

A change for 2018 ... Four Categories • Fiction! Nonfiction! Children's Literature! Poetry!

Writers-Editors Network 35th Annual International Writing Competition

Who Can Enter

• The contest is open to all writers. You do not have to be a member of Writers-Editors Network (WEN). However, **members of our Network** (which includes FFWA) **save up to 50% on entry fees**. (If you're submitting more than one entry, it probably will save you money to join at least at the Online Basic level – PLUS, you get all that information for a full year!) Visit <http://writerseditorsnetwork.com/join-now/> and <http://writerseditorsnetwork.com/join-ffwa/> for membership information.

Deadline

• Entries must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **March 15, 2018**.

Awards & Cash Prizes

- First Place in each Category - \$150 plus certificate plus one-year Writers-Editors Network membership*
- Second Place in each Category - \$100 plus certificate
- Third Place in each Category - \$75 plus certificate
- Honorable Mention certificates will be awarded in each category as warranted

* One-year Writers-Editors Network membership will be an Online Basic membership for new members. If winner is a current active Writers-Editors Network member, he or she will receive a one-year extension of current membership level.

Guidelines

- All entries must be unpublished or self-published and not accepted for publication by a traditional publisher at the time they are entered in the contest.
- *Fiction* – may be a short story or novel chapter for adult readers. Indicate which of these, plus whether literary, mystery, romance, science fiction, fantasy, etc. on manuscript first page. Maximum length 4,000 words.
- *Nonfiction* – may be an article, blog post, essay/opinion piece, column, or nonfiction book chapter targeting an adult audience. Indicate which of these on manuscript first page. Maximum length 4,000 words.
- *Children's Literature* – may be a story, fiction book chapter, poem, magazine article or nonfiction book chapter targeting children or Young Adults (YA). Indicate which (story, etc.) and targeted age group on entry's first page. Include sources for facts and quotes. Maximum length 4,000 words.
- For book chapter entries (fiction or nonfiction or children's), indicate book title plus chapter title or # on each entry and entry form (multiple chapter entries require a separate entry form and separate entry fee for each chapter).
- *Poetry* – may be traditional or free verse; indicate which on entry. For traditional poems, specify the form, such as Sonnet, Villanelle, Sestina, or Renga.
- Enter as many manuscripts in as many categories as you wish. Entry fee and **a separate Official Entry Form must accompany each entry**; 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 over the 4,000-word limit will be judged on the first 4,000 words submitted. Do not submit complete book – one book chapter per entry only.
- Author's name must **NOT** appear on any entry. If name appears on self-published work, cover name so it is not readable.
- Submit text in 10 to 14 point Times Roman or Arial (*note*: 12 point Arial is easier to read on emailed entries).

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

Winner Notification

- Winners' certificates/awards will be mailed no later than May 31, 2018.
- Winners List will be posted on our website — www.writers-editors.com — around May 31, 2018.

Entry Fees

- Entry fee of \$10 (active or new WEN/FFWA members) or \$20 (non-members) must accompany each **fiction** and **nonfiction** and **children's story or book chapter** entry
- Entry fee of \$5 (members) or \$10 (non-members) must accompany each **poem** (Poetry or Children's category) entered. OR – Have several poems to enter? \$10 for **3 poems** (members) or \$15 for **3 poems** (non-members).

Other Information

- Acknowledgment of receipt of mailed manuscripts will be made only if you enclose a self-addressed **postcard** (with adequate postage). Online submissions will be acknowledged via return email. Entries CANNOT be returned.
- For list of winners, send self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope (4" x 9.5"). Winners List will be mailed by May 31, plus will be posted on www.writers-editors.com. (Only **one** envelope per entrant needed; not one for every entry.)

Judging Criteria

- Presentation (format, follows rules, neatness, spelling, punctuation, grammar, print quality).
- Suitability (correct category, correct age group and appropriate length if children's manuscript).
- 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.

See list of Winners for 2017 at www.writers-editors.com - direct page link: <http://bit.ly/Jpesvj>

Submit your entries via email. See: <http://bit.ly/NyKfMM> - Membership info: <http://bit.ly/2phpb4T>

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - 2018 Writers-Editors Network Writing Competition

A separate form must accompany each entry; photocopy before completing for multiple entries; or print out at www.writers-editors.com/Writers/Contests/Entry_Form/entry_form.htm **Postmark Deadline: March 15, 2018.**

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. Email: _____

5. TITLE of entry _____

6. FIRST LINE of entry _____
(This helps us match entry to author when multiple entries have same titles – it happens.)

7. Check (or Circle) **Category** of this entry: A-Fiction – B-Nonfiction – C-Children's – D-Poetry

8. ENTRY FEE (**check one** and enclose fee with entry and entry form):
(Membership number if entering as a current Writers-Editors Network [WEN] member [includes FFWA]: _____)

- \$5, I am a current WEN/FFWA member or am joining at this time (dues enclosed), **and entry is one poem**
- \$10, I am not a member and am not joining at this time, **and entry is one poem**
- \$10, I am a current WEN/FFWA member or am joining at this time (dues enclosed), and entering **three poems**
- \$15, I am not a member and am not joining at this time and entering **three poems**
- \$10, I am a current WEN/FFWA member or am joining at this time (dues enclosed), and entry is **Fiction or Nonfiction or Children's** (short story or article or book chapter)
- \$20, I am not a member and am not joining at this time and entry is **Fiction or Nonfiction or Children's** (short story or article or book chapter)

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)

You may charge your entry fee(s) to: VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express. Charge will appear on your card statement as "CNW Pub," and a receipt will be emailed to you by Square, our credit card processor. International, Canada and U.S. entrants can also pay via PayPal – send entry fees to writers.editors@gmail.com.

Card # _____ expiration date. _____ Security (CVV) code: _____

card zip/postal code: _____ (important; card will not be approved without zip/postal code on your credit card statement)

Total charged \$ _____ Name on credit card _____

Entry fee sent via PayPal from (if PayPal account name different from entrant) _____

9. SEND entry form(s), with entry or entries & fees, to: CNW Pub/FFWA, PO Box A, North Stratford NH 03590 by **postmark deadline** of March 15, 2018.