

# ***NWA SHORT STORY CONTEST***

OPENS April 1 annually

## **PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST:**

The purpose of the National Writers Assn. Short Story Contest is to encourage the development of creative skills, recognize and reward outstanding ability in the area of short story writing.

## **CONTEST RULES:**

Any genre of short story manuscript may be entered. All entries must be postmarked by July 1. Only unpublished works may be submitted. All manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced, in the English language. Maximum length is 5,000. Those unsure of proper manuscript format should request Research Report #35.

The entry must be accompanied by entry form (photocopies are acceptable), entry fee of \$15 per submission, and return SASE if you wish the material and rating sheets returned. **OTHERWISE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE DESTROYED.** The U.S. Postal Service will not allow us to use your metered postage unless it is undated. Receipt of entry will not be acknowledged without a return postcard. Author's name and address must appear on the first page. Entries remain the property of the author and may be submitted during the contest as long as they are not published before the final notification of winners. Final prizes will be awarded at the NWA Workshop in June.

## **JUDGING AND PRIZES**

Judging will be based on originality, marketability, research, and reader interest. Copies of the judges evaluation sheets will be sent to entrants furnishing an SASE with their entry. First through fifth place awards will be presented at the NWA Conference. 1st Prize -- \$250; 2nd Prize -- \$100; 3rd Prize -- \$50; 4th through 10th places will receive a book. First through third place winners may be asked to grant one-time rights for publication in *AUTHORSHIP* magazine. Honorable Mentions receive a certificate.

## **ENTRY FEE AND CRITIQUES**

The entry fee per submission is \$15. If you wish to have your submission critiqued, please request this on the entry form. Entry fees are used to pay judges and prize money.

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NWA SHORT STORY CONTEST FORM

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_

To: NWA Short Story Contest

Date \_\_\_\_\_

National Writers Assn.

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10940 S. Parker Rd. #508

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Parker, CO 80134

Please enter the enclosed entry (title) \_\_\_\_\_ in the NWA Short Story Contest.

\_\_\_\_\_ My entry fee \$15 is enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please charge my \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ You may retain my submission for a critique after judging. I am enclosing \$5 per thousand words for critique.