



Contest Administration Policies

Eligibility

Members of the Contest Administration Committee of the LWWG are not allowed to enter this contest.

Detailed Category Descriptions

Youth Categories: A 'youth' is attending secondary school (high school) and has a 19th birthday after February 15, 2012. Entry fee: \$5 for up to four entries by the same author. Every entrant is awarded an LWWG Internet membership.

Creative Nonfiction: The topic is not restricted, but the item must be strongly based in real events. The general content of the story must have happened. Descriptions and dialogue will understandably contain created elements, but the flow of events must be as accurate as memory allows. The item must be submitted in Times New Roman font size 12, *double*-spaced on 8½ X 11 white paper and not exceed 2500 words.

Genre Fiction: This is an opportunity to write an item that falls into one of the many genres in current literature (examples: mystery, romance, horror, fantasy). The item must be submitted in Times New Roman font size 12, double spaced on 8 ½ X 11 white paper and not exceed 2500 words.

Adult Categories: Open to all over age 18. Entry fee: \$10 for first entry, \$5 per additional entry by the same author. Every entrant is awarded an LWWG Internet membership.

Poetry: The poem may be on any topic and must be submitted in Times New Roman font size 12 on one or two *single*-spaced 8½ X 11 white pages.

Flash Fiction: The topic is not limited, but a complete story must be told in 250 or fewer words, excluding the title and must be submitted in Times New Roman font size 12, *double*-spaced on 8½ X 11 white paper.

Fiction: The topic is unrestricted, but the item must be 3500 or fewer words and must be submitted in Times New Roman font size 12, *double*-spaced on 8½ X 11 white paper.

Submitting

Please include a cover sheet for each item. Include the submission's title, the category being entered and the author's name. Also include the author's mailing address, email address and phone number. Make sure there is no identifying information on the submitted item.

If multiple entries are being submitted, send them in the same envelope or, if not possible, include a separate note in each envelope informing us of how many envelopes in total have been mailed. Only one cheque need be written to cover multiple entries.

A cheque covering the entry fee must be included with the mailing. The cheque being cashed indicates acceptance of the submission into the contest. No other confirmation of receipt or acceptance of an item will be issued.

Mail entries to:

Write on the Lake
Box 1447
Gimli, Manitoba, R0C 1B0 Canada

Postmark deadline: February 15, 2012

Processing Entries

If the number of entries in a category is insufficient to finance the prizes for that category, the prizes will be reduced accordingly.

If in the opinion of the judges there are no entries in a category worthy of publication, prizes that include publication need not be awarded or may be awarded with conditions on publication.

Awarding Prizes

All entrants will be awarded an LWWG Internet membership.

Prizes will be announced on the LWWG website.

Winners will be mailed a notification letter, a winner's certificate and a cheque in the total amount of the prize drawn on the LWWG account. Notification of publication will follow. ***The author must supply an e-copy of the item to facilitate publication.*** Winners will be invited to an award ceremony and to the launch of the issue in which their work is published.

Additional Information

For additional information or if you have any questions, please email the Contest Administrator at contest@lakewinnipegwritersgroup.com.