

# THE 35TH ANNUAL ADULT CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST IS HELD TO ENCOURAGE AND RECOGNIZE CREATIVE WRITING AMONG ADULTS.

## ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to any person 18 years old or older who:

- resides, works or attends school in Tulsa County, or
- has a nonresident Tulsa City-County Library card, and
- is not a member of the creative writing contest committee, a judge of the contest or a first-place winner from the previous year. (Winners may not re-enter the same category the following year.)

Only unpublished manuscripts are accepted. Unpublished and published writers are encouraged to compete. **This denotes a change from previous years.**

This entry form also is available on Tulsa City-County Library's website: [www.tulsalibrary.org/friends](http://www.tulsalibrary.org/friends)

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1 No previously published work for which remuneration was received is considered for any award.
- 2 Double-space and type manuscripts on 8.5 x 11 (standard) paper. Poetry may be submitted in free form. Title and number each page in the top right corner. **Do not put your name on any page as manuscripts are judged anonymously.**
- 3 Attach a cover page that includes the title, category of your piece, and your name and mailing address.
- 4 Keep a copy of your manuscript in the event your manuscript is misplaced in mailing or handling. Photocopied entries are accepted. **Do not send your only copy!**
- 5 Submit a separate entry form and a \$6 entry fee for each category entered. Entry forms may be reproduced.
- 6 Deliver the entry to the Central Library or any branch library, or mail flat to:  
**Adult Creative Writing Contest, Friends of TCCL,  
400 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK., 74103-3830.**
- 7 You may enter all four categories, but may submit only one manuscript in each category. Please mail **all** entries together in the same packet.
- 8 Manuscripts will not be returned.
- 9 The deadline for receiving manuscripts is a postmark of Jan. 31, 2012.

## UNPUBLISHED DEFINITION

If you received remuneration for your work, then it qualifies as having been published. Remuneration includes payment in cash or publications in lieu of cash. For example, if your work was published in a journal and you received copies of the journal as compensation, that work is considered published. If your work has not been published with remuneration, it qualifies as unpublished. If your work has been published in a school newspaper or church bulletin, for example, it is considered unpublished.

## CATEGORIES

- 1 **SHORT STORY** - A narrative, fictional, prose story having a central theme. A maximum of 5,000 words will be accepted.
- 2 **CHILDREN'S FICTION** - Works in which illustrations are integral may be submitted, but judging is based primarily on the text. A maximum of 3,000 words will be accepted.
- 3 **INFORMAL ESSAY** - A short composition considering a single topic and usually personal in approach. No research, technical reports or religious treatises will be considered. A maximum of 5,000 words will be accepted.
- 4 **POETRY** - The total number of words may include more than one poem. If more than one poem is submitted within the word limit, all poems are considered, but only one poem can receive an award. Only one cover sheet is required for all of the poems in one entry. A maximum of 400 words will be accepted.

## JUDGING

All entries are judged based on content, originality and quality of expression. The decisions of the judges are final. Winners and honorable-mention recipients in each category are notified by phone before the awards ceremony.

## AWARDS

**Each entrant**, not just the winners, will receive an invitation to the awards ceremony. A cash prize of \$100 plus a book and a certificate are awarded to the best work within each category. Second-place winners will receive a cash prize of \$50 plus a book and a certificate. Certificates are awarded to those receiving honorable mention. **Manuscripts are not published** but can be found in a notebook at the information desk on the second floor of Central Library following the awards ceremony. The manuscript book is not available for checkout or reproduction.

## AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

An awards ceremony and reception is scheduled at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 15, 2012, at the Central Library, Fourth Street and Denver Avenue. Winners from each category will have the opportunity to read a short selection from his or her winning entry.



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