

Official Entry Form Adult *Creative Writing* Contest

Deadline: March 31, 2018
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CATEGORY:

- Children's Fiction Graphic Novel/Comix Informal Essay Poetry Short Story

ENTRY TITLE: _____

ENTRY FEE (check one):

- Cash Check (Make checks payable to Friends of TCCL.)

AMOUNT INCLUDED: _____

See Entry Fee Schedule listed inside and include the appropriate amount. Please complete a separate entry form for each manuscript entered, and submit ONE payment along with all entries and entry forms in the same packet.

I declare that the attached manuscript is solely my own work and not previously published for remuneration.

Signature: _____

How did you hear about this contest? _____

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41st ANNUAL ADULT CONTEST 2018
Creative Writing

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FOR AGES 18 AND UP
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Children's Fiction
Graphic Novel/Comix
Informal Essay
Poetry
Short Story

Entry forms are available at all
Tulsa City-County Library locations
and online at www.TulsaLibrary.org/Friends.



CATEGORIES

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.

Graphic Novel/Comix ● Entry must be complete in and of itself, and not a fragment of a larger work. No more than 10 pages. Work can be with or without words, in black and white or color, and fiction or nonfiction. Computer-generated images are acceptable as long as they are original works (no clip art). Use 8.5 by 11 (standard) paper and submit as flat work, not as a booklet.

Informal Essay ● A short composition considering a single topic and usually personal in approach. No research, technical reports or religious treaties will be considered. A maximum of 5,000 words will be accepted.

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.

Short Story ● A narrative, fictional, prose story having a central theme. A maximum of 5,000 words will be accepted.

ENTRY FEES

You may enter all five categories, but may submit only ONE manuscript in each category. Please submit one payment for all entries.

Entry Fee Schedule:

One Entry: \$10
Two Entries: \$18
Three Entries: \$24
Four Entries: \$30
Five Entries: \$36

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 or a judge of the contest.

Only unpublished manuscripts are accepted. Unpublished and published writers are encouraged to compete.

AWARDS

Winners and honorable-mention recipients in each category will be notified by phone by Friday, April 27. A cash prize of \$100 and a certificate are awarded to the best work within each category. Second-place winners will receive a cash prize of \$50 and a certificate. Certificates are awarded to those receiving honorable mention. Winning manuscripts are not published, but with the author's permission will be posted online at www.tulsalibrary.org/friends following the awards ceremony.

JUDGING

All entries are judged based on content, originality and quality of expression. Entries are judged anonymously. The decisions of the judges are final.

AWARDS CEREMONY & RECEPTION

Every entrant, not just the winners, will receive an invitation to the awards ceremony. The awards ceremony and reception is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., **Saturday, May 12** at Central Library in Aaronson Auditorium, 400 Civic Center (Fifth Street and Denver Avenue).

Additional entry forms available to download at

www.TulsaLibrary.org/Friends

Questions? Call 918-549-7419 or email tara.farrar@tulsalibrary.org.

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. You may enter all five categories, but may submit only one manuscript in each category. **Submit a separate entry form for each category entered.** Entry forms may be reproduced. Please submit one payment for all entries and mail all entries together in the same packet.
6. Deliver the entry to any branch library, or mail flat to:
**Adult Creative Writing Contest, Friends of TCCL
400 Civic Center, Tulsa, OK 74103**
7. Manuscripts will not be returned.
8. The deadline for receiving manuscripts is a postmark of March 31.

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.