Official Entry Form

Adult Creative Writing Contest

Deadline: March 31, 2023

ENTRY FORMS MAY BE DUPLICATED.

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________
City/Zip Code: _______________________________________
Primary Phone: _______________________________________
Email: ____________________________________________

CATEGORY

☐ Children’s Fiction  ☐ Informal Essay  ☐ Poetry  ☐ Short Story  ☐ Young Adult Fiction

ENTRY TITLE ________________________________

ENTRY FEE (check one):
☐ Cash  ☐ Check  (Make checks payable to Friends of TCCL)

AMOUNT INCLUDED: ________________________________

See Entry 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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46th Annual Adult Creative Writing Contest 2023

For ages 18 and up
Enter by March 31

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Cash Prizes!

Entry forms are available at all Tulsa City-County Library locations and online at www.TulsaLibrary.org/Friends.
Children's Fiction
Fiction aimed at infants to middle grades. 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.

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.

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. A maximum of 400 words will be accepted. You need only pay ONE entry fee for any number of poems up to the word limit.

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

Young Adult Fiction
Fiction aimed at ages 12-18. A maximum of 5,000 words will be accepted.

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

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

| One Entry: $10 | Three Entries: $24 | Five Entries: $35 |
| Two Entries: $18 | Four Entries: $30 |

AWARDS
Winners and honorable mention recipients in each category will be notified by phone Friday, April 21.

A cash prize of $150 and a certificate are awarded to the best work within each category. Second-place winners will receive a cash prize of $100 and a certificate. Certificates and $25 are awarded to those receiving honorable mentions. Winning manuscripts are not published, but with the author’s permission will be posted online at www.TulsaLibrary.org/Friends following the awards ceremony.

AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION
Every entrant, not just the winners, will receive an invitation to the awards ceremony. The awards ceremony and reception is planned for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at Central Library in Aaronson Auditorium, Fifth Street and Denver Avenue.

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.

Questions? Call 918-549-7323 or email friends@tulsalibrary.org.