



2019 NOVUS ANNOS SHORT STORY CONTEST

We're pleased to announce our second annual short story competition for writers of **fiction** stories.

The rules governing the Contest 2019 are as follows:

Eligibility: The contest is open to all members of the Space Coast Writers Guild **and** Brevard County residents 18 years old and above.

Submission Guidelines:

- Opens January 2, 2019
- Entries must be received no later than February 28, 2018
- The manuscript must be **2500 words** or less
- The document must be Times New Roman 11, double spaced, with numbered pages and the title at the top of each page.
- Send story as a **PDF file** in an **e-mail** attachment to cfoley@scwg.org. Receipt and acceptability will be acknowledged.
- **In a separate attachment, e-mail** a cover page with your name, phone number, mailing address, and e mail address. Title of the story and word count should also be on the cover page. **None of this information should appear in the story pdf.** If it does, the story will be immediately disqualified.
- **Entry fees:** Must be sent by personal check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to Space Coast Writers Guild and mailed to Cindy Foley, 520 Heron Drive, Merritt Island, Fl. 32952. No entry will be accepted without receipt of required fee. **SCWG members fee \$5.00, non-members \$10.00.**
- Genre: general/literary fiction, romance, historical, mystery/suspense, horror, science based/alternative. No children's stories, explicit inappropriate language or erotica will be accepted.
- Limited to TWO (2) entries per person with fee accompanying **each** submission.
- **All submissions are final. No changes or substitutions are allowed once your entry(s) is received.**

Judging

A SCWG and BAS team of readers will complete the first round of selections. Using a **5 point scoring matrix**, the entries will be judged on the following elements:

Structure, Organization, and Pacing

Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar

Plot

Character Appeal and Development

Voice and Writing Style

The top 10 final selections will then be judged by a panel of four judges using the same elements.

Prizes

One First Place Winner will receive \$250.00

The Second Place Winner will receive \$175.00

The Third Place Winner will receive \$100.00

Two Winners will receive Honorable Mention and A Certificate of Award

Indemnity:

By participating in this Contest, you agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Sponsors, and their office bearers from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of action, or losses of any kind (including but not limited to lawyers' fees) arising from your participation in the Contest, your violation of any term of these Contest rules, your violation of any third party right, including without limitation any copyright, property, or privacy right; or any claim that your submission caused damage to a third party.

Force Majeure clause:

The Sponsors are not liable for failure to perform their obligations under these rules if such failure is as a result of Acts of God (including natural disasters), Acts of War, civil unrest, usurped power or confiscation, terrorist activities, prevention of statutes, or interruption or massive and sustained failure of electricity, internet, or telephone service.

Any extension/reduction of contest and/or the judging window will be at the sole discretion of the organizers, and will be notified by e mail and on the website if extended.