

The Society of Southwestern Authors 2010 Writing Contest
Entry Deadline: June 1, 2010



CATEGORIES

- Short Story – 2500 words maximum
- Short Story for Children 6-12 – 1500 words maximum
Michael LaCapa Award presented to First Place winner
- Personal Essay/Memoir – 2500 words maximum
- Poetry – 40 lines maximum

PRIZES (awarded in each category)

- 1st place – \$250
2nd place – \$125
3rd place – \$75
Honorable Mention – \$25
*1st place through Honorable Mention winning stories
printed in The Story Teller.*
Commendation – non-monetary
author's name and submission title printed in The Story Teller.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS/CONTEST RULES

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION

1. "Entry" means one individual piece of work. Send three (3) copies of each entry. (See #13.)
2. Multiple entries are accepted. Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form (copies are okay) and \$10. You may send one check or money order to cover all entry and appraisal fees. See #13.)
3. Entries must be double-spaced on one side of white, 8½" x 11" (or A4 or similar) typing or copy paper, with one-inch margins, using 12-point Times New Roman or Courier font, in black ink only. Poetry stanzas may be single spaced. **This contest does not accept e-mail, hand-written, or illustrated submissions.**
4. The title of the submission must be in the upper left-hand corner of every page.
5. Consecutive page numbers must be in the upper right-hand corner of every page.
6. The word count (strictly observed) of each entry must be in the upper right-hand corner of page 1 only.
7. DO NOT put your name on any part of the manuscript. DO NOT include a cover sheet.
8. Staple the pages of each copy of each entry. DO NOT use paper clips.
9. All entries must be your original work and previously unpublished. NO simultaneous submissions.
10. Entries must be postmarked on or before June 1, 2010. Entries postmarked later than June 1, 2010 will be disqualified and returned to the sender unopened.
11. Use regular mail. Certified or Special Delivery mail will be returned to sender unopened. If you want a receipt, enclose a self-addressed, stamped post card.
12. Entries will not be returned.
13. Appraisals are available for an additional \$25/entry. For each entry for which you request an appraisal, include a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope, an extra copy of the entry (4 total), and an extra copy of the entry form (2 total).

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE OCTOBER 17, 2010 AWARDS LUNCHEON.

Winners will be notified by October 1, 2010. If you have not been notified by that date that you are a winner, you may market your entry elsewhere. First place through Honorable Mention- winning stories will be published in the 2010 edition of SSA's magazine, *The Story Teller*; only the names of the authors and the titles of Commendation-winning stories will be published. After October 17, 2010, the names of all winners and the titles of their stories will be posted on the SSA website.

For more information, visit **www.ssa-az.org**, where additional forms are available, or e-mail info@ssa-az.org.

Entry forms/rules will also be available at the SSA's monthly Forums, and

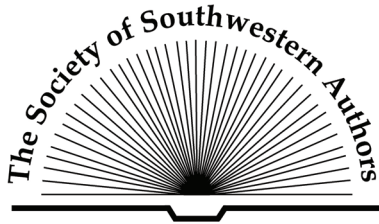
by mail if you send an SASE to Writing Contest Entry Forms, Post Office Box 35484, Tucson, AZ, 85740.

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ENTRY FORM

DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2010

Rules/requirements are on the reverse and at www.ssa-az.org



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Entry title _____

CATEGORY/ENTRY FEE [check one box]

- Short Story (\$10) Personal Essay/Memoir (\$10)
- Poetry (\$10) Short Story for Children 6-12 (\$10)

Multiple entries/appraisal requests may be submitted with one check and in one envelope.

Your Name _____
 Address _____

 City _____
 State/Province _____
 Country _____
 Zip Code _____
 Telephone _____
 E-mail _____

APPRAISAL

- Yes No

If YES, enclose \$25 for each appraisal, plus an extra copy of the entry (4 total), an extra copy of this entry form (2 total), and a business-size (#10) self-addressed, stamped envelope.

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

Credit cards are not accepted. No membership dues or other fees may be paid with contest entries. Make checks/money orders payable to SSA.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

- \$10
- \$35
- Other _____

I affirm that this entry is my original, unpublished work, and that this is not a simultaneous submission.

Signature _____

Date _____

Mail this form with 3 copies of each entry – 4 copies & an extra copy of this form if requesting an appraisal – to:

SSA 2010 Writing Contest
Post Office Box 35484
Tucson, Arizona 85740-5484
 (this address is for contest entries only)

Entries that do not follow the rules will be disqualified.

Late entries will be returned unopened. Be sure your entry is postmarked no later than June 1, 2010.

For confirmation that your entry has been received, enclose a stamped, self-addressed post card.

For more info or with questions, e-mail info@ssa-az.org with Contest in the subject line.

You need not be a member to enter; you need not attend the Awards Luncheon to receive your award.

- This is my first time entering.
- I have entered in previous years.

How did you learn about the contest?

- I am an SSA member A friend told me. I saw an ad [in/on?] _____
- I found it on the Internet [what site?] _____
- I read about it in the newspaper [which one?] _____
- Other [?] _____

Thanks for entering! Good luck!