



WRITING CONTEST GUIDELINES

OPENING DATE: January 3, 2024

CLOSING DATE: April 12, 2024, 11:59 PM PST

Winners will be announced during the
2024 Clackamas Community College Compose
Creative Writing Conference on May 18, 2024

GENRES:

- Short Story - up to 5000 words
- Essay - up to 5000 words
- Poetry - any style, up to 100 lines
- Play - up to 30 pages in manuscript format

ELIGIBILITY AND CONTEST RULES:

- Entries must be original work, composed by the applicant.
- Entries must not have been published elsewhere in any form.
- Writers can submit one entry per genre; each entry requires a separate application and fee.
- Entries in both English and Spanish will be accepted.
- Writers must work or live in Clackamas County, Oregon and be at least 18 years of age at the time of submission.
- Clackamas County Arts Alliance staff, board, and committee members may not enter.
- Entries will be judged anonymously.

DOCUMENT FORMAT:

- Documents must be submitted in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format and names must include only the title of the piece (no identifying information).
- Documents must be formatted using Times New Roman font size 12 with 1 inch margins left/right and top/bottom.
- The title of the piece and page number must be shown at the top of each page. Do not use any other headers or footers.
- Short stories and essays must use 1.5 line spacing.
- Poems must use single line spacing.
- Plays must use standard manuscript format.

ENTRY FEE:

There will be a \$25 entry fee per entry, payable at submission. Entry fees are non-refundable.

AWARDS:

There will be one First Place winner and one Runner Up per genre.

- First Place winners will receive a cash prize of \$250 and complimentary registration to the 2024 Clackamas Community College Compose Creative Writing Conference.
- Runner Up winners will receive a cash prize of \$100 and complimentary registration to the 2024 Clackamas Community College Compose Creative Writing Conference.

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QUESTIONS? Email Clackamas County Arts Alliance at info@clackamasartsalliance.org.