

# **CARTERET WRITERS, INCORPORATED**

## **2017 ANNUAL WRITING CONTEST**

### **GENERAL**

**All entries must be submitted in English.**

January 1, 2017: Contest Open to Entries.  
March 8, 2017 : Contest Deadline for Entries.

### **AWARDS**

**Payable by check in U.S. funds to be given in each category.**

First place: \$100 and Publication in *Shoal*  
Second place: \$50 and Publication in *Shoal*  
Third place: \$25 and Publication in *Shoal*  
Honorable Mention: Offer of Publication in *Shoal*

Prior to publication, winning authors must submit an electronic copy of their entries to carteretwriters@gmail.com. Please type "2017 Contest Winner" in the subject line.

### **FEES**

**Membership includes discounted contest entry fees and a free copy of *Shoal*.**

Members: \$5.00 per entry  
Non-members: \$10.00 per entry

Additional copies are available for purchase to members and non-member contest winners. If you submit multiple entries, consider a \$30 membership in Carteret Writers. A minimum of ten entries from ten different authors is required for a category to be judged. If not met, that category will be eliminated and the entry fees refunded.

### **CATEGORIES**

**Contest entries must be unpublished at the time of submission.**

1. Flash Fiction: 750 words or less.
2. Fiction: 3,000 words or less May be a short story, chapter, or excerpt. Multiple entries may not be from the same book.
3. Nonfiction: 3,000 words or less. May be an essay, article, chapter, or excerpt. Multiple entries may not be from the same book.
4. Poetry: 50 lines or less per poem.
5. Writing for children: 2,000 words (approximately 8 pages) or less. May be fiction or nonfiction, an excerpt or complete manuscript. Must be suitable for children under the age of thirteen. This category is intended for adult writers writing for children, not for children writers.
6. All entries must be text only. No illustrations of any kind.

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### **SUBMISSION CRITERIA**

**Manuscripts not adhering to the guidelines will be disqualified.**

**Entry fees will not be refunded.**

1. Submit two copies of each entry with one cover sheet template per entry. Do not list multiple entries on a single cover sheet. Fill out each cover sheet completely.
2. Entries may be paper-clipped or stapled. No binders, hard or soft, please.
3. Entries must be typed on one side of 8-1/2" by 11" white paper only, double-spaced (except poetry), with 1" margins all around.
4. Use a fixed width 12 pt. font such as Courier New. Do not use a proportional font, such as Times New Roman.
5. Initial paragraph indents should be at the .5 inch mark.
6. Formatting must be consistent throughout the manuscript.
7. The second and all subsequent pages of each entry must have the entry category, a short version of the title, and the page number at the top.
8. DO NOT include the author's name or any personal information on any page of the manuscript.

### **SUBMISSION ADDRESS**

**Mailed entries must REACH Carteret Writers post office box by March 8, 2017.**

Writing Contest  
Carteret Writers, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2284  
Morehead City, NC 28557

### **BLIND JUDGING**

**Names of judges and entrants will not be revealed to each other.**

Judging will be conducted by published authors, journalists or other professionals in the field of writing who are not members of Carteret Writers. Criteria are originality and literary quality. All decisions by the judges are final. Names of Judges will be printed in *Shoal* at the September 2017 CWI meeting.

### **MAY 2017 AWARDS DINNER**

**To be announced on [www.carteretwriters.org](http://www.carteretwriters.org) when details are finalized.**

### **QUESTIONS?**

**Please email us at [carteretwriters@gmail.com](mailto:carteretwriters@gmail.com). We will try to respond within 24 hours.**

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**COVER SHEET**

**Download and complete this Cover Sheet template for each submission.**

Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lines (poetry) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of words (prose) \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK: I plan [  ] do not plan [  ] to attend the awards dinner in May.

I warrant to Carteret Writers that my manuscript is original, that I am the sole author, and that this manuscript has not been previously published in any form. I indemnify Carteret Writers against any losses and other expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, after final judgment of any claim or action against any or all of these warranties. If my entry places First, Second, or Third, I grant Carteret Writers one-time use of my manuscript in their literary journal in exchange for any prize money received from the contest. If my entry received an Honorable Mention and I choose to allow that entry to be published, I grant Carteret Writers one-time use of my manuscript in their literary journal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_