

CARTERET WRITERS, INCORPORATED
2018 Annual Writing Contest

GENERAL

All entries must be submitted in English.

January 1, 2018: Contest Open to Entries.
March 14, 2018: 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, and a bio, to Carteret Writers. Winners will be contacted and given detailed instructions for submitting.

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Contest entries must be unpublished, in any form, at the time of submission. DO NOT submit revised stories that have placed in previous Carteret Writers contests, or have previously been published in *Shoal*.

1. Flash Fiction: 750 words or less.
2. Fiction: 3,000 words or less (about 12 pages in Courier New) May be a short story, chapter, or excerpt. Multiple entries may not be from the same book.
3. Nonfiction: 3,000 words or less. (about 12 pages in Courier New) May be an essay, article, chapter, or excerpt. Multiple entries may not be from the same book.
4. Poetry: 75 lines or less per poem.
5. Writing for children: 3,000 words or less. (about 12 pages in Courier New) May be fiction or nonfiction, an excerpt or complete manuscript. Must be suitable for children under the age of

eighteen. 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.

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 the fixed width 12 pt. font, Courier New. **No other fonts accepted.**
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. **Please Note: Writing for Children entries must also include age group story is intended for.**
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 14, 2018.

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*, available at the September, 2018 Carteret Writers meeting. Winners will be announced on May 9, 2018.

MAY 9, 2018 AWARDS DINNER

To be announced on www.carteretwriters.org when details are finalized.

QUESTIONS?

Please email us at 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: _____

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 _____