

CARTERET WRITERS, INC.
Guidelines to the
2019 Annual Writing Contest

GENERAL

All entries must be submitted in English.
January 1, 2019: Contest Open to Entries.
March 13, 2019: Contest Deadline for Entries.

AWARDS (for 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: Publication in *Shoal*
All awards paid by check in U.S. currency.

Winning authors must submit an electronic copy of their entries and a bio less than 100 words to
carteretwriters@gmail.com

FEES

Members of Carteret Writers: \$5.00 per entry
Non-members: \$10.00 per entry

CATEGORIES

Contest entries must be unpublished, in any form, at the time of submission.

1. Flash Fiction: 750 words or less.
2. Fiction: 3,000 words or less. May be a short story or excerpt from a book. Multiple entries may not be from the same book.
3. Nonfiction: 3,000 words or less. May be an essay, article, or excerpt from a book. 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. May be fiction or nonfiction, a short story or an excerpt from a book. Also, poetry with 75 lines or less. All must be suitable for children under the age of eighteen.

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.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Manuscripts not adhering to these guidelines will be disqualified.
Entry fees will not be refunded.

1. All entries must be text only. No illustrations of any kind.
2. Submit two copies of each entry with one cover sheet per entry. Do not list multiple entries on a single cover sheet. Fill out each cover sheet completely.
3. Do not staple. No binders, hard or soft, please.
4. 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.

5. Use New Times Roman 12 pt. font. No other fonts accepted.
6. Paragraph indents should be at the .5 inch mark.
7. Formatting must be consistent throughout the manuscript.
8. First page will have the title with the entry category below. The second and all subsequent pages of each entry must have the **title, entry category, and page number at the top right.**
9. The first page of Writing for Children entries must also include age group story is intended for.
10. DO NOT include the author's name or any personal information on any page of the manuscript. Personal information will be only on the cover sheet.
11. Payment will be by check or money order written to Carteret Writers.
12. Submissions may be delivered at the luncheon meetings in January, February, or March. Submission may also be mailed to the below address with a postmark by March 13, 2019.

SUBMISSION ADDRESS

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

BLIND JUDGING

Judges for each category will be announced on January 1, 2019. Judging will be conducted by published authors, journalists, or other professionals in the field of writing who are not members of Carteret Writers.

Blind judging means there are no names or identifying marks of the author on the submissions being judged. If there are, the submission will be disqualified without a refund.

Those submitting an entry will not contact the judge concerning the entry. If so, the judge will report the contact to the administrators and the submission will be disqualified without a refund.

All submissions will be opened by administrators who are Carteret Writer members and do not have a submission in any category of the contest. The submissions will be numbered for confidential identification and forwarded to the category judge.

All decisions by the judges are final. Winners will be announced at the awards dinner to be announced on www.carteretwriters.org when details are finalized.

QUESTIONS?

Please email us at carteretwriters@gmail.com.