



2020 San Francisco Writing Contest Entry Form

This contest is held each year in conjunction with the San Francisco Writers Conference, but it is open to all writers...worldwide!

Entry can be your unpublished or self-published flash fiction collection, short story, novella, novel, nonfiction essay or collection of essays, nonfiction book, children's book (including young adult/YA) or poems. **All entries must be at or under 1500 words.**

See the rules below. Deadline: January 10th, 2020. *Winners will be announced at the 2020 SFWC on February 14, 2020.*

Grand Prize is \$250 and a 15-min. consultation with a literary agent who represents works in the winner's genre.

First place winners in each of the other categories will be awarded \$100 prizes. **Finalists** can, and should, proudly include a mention of their finalist award in query letters to agents and publishers...and on the covers of their books!

NAME: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____ Mobile Phone: (_____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

CATEGORY: Adult Fiction Adult Non-Fiction/Memoir Children's book /YA

ENTRY TITLE: _____

PAYMENT by Check: Attach check made out to SFWC Writing Contest. There is a \$35 entry fee per entry.

PAYMENT by Credit Card: Card will be charged the \$35 entry fee per entry.

CARD # _____ Exp. _____ 3 or 4 digit security # _____

OFFICIAL RULES: (Rules and entry form can also be found at www.SFWriters.org. Click on the CONTEST button.)

1. Entry must be **received** by 5 p.m. on January 10, 2020. Write "Writing Contest" in large print on lower left corner of envelope. For confirmation your entry was received, use "delivery confirmation" at the post office, FedEx or UPS. **We do not confirm receipt of entries.**
2. You may enter as many times as you wish, provided that the entry has not been traditionally published prior to the contest.
3. Entry can be up to 1,500 words printed on one side (no double-sided) of **white paper** in **12-point** type (Times New Roman preferred). For Self-published book category, you may send a copy of the book. Include a copy of this official completed entry form and \$35 entry fee for each entry. **Multiple entries:** You can use one envelope if each entry is paper clipped together (not stapled) with a separate entry form for each entry. If the check submitted with the entries does not include the correct entry fee for all your entries, we will arbitrarily select entries from your envelope.
4. **Do not put your name on any page of your entry EXCEPT the check and the official entry form.**
5. No employee, board member, or the San Francisco Writers Conference may participate in this contest.
6. Finalists: Announcement of the finalists will be made on the SFWC website and in the SFWC Newsletter only. Check www.SFWriters.org after February 1st for a list of finalists. This is the only place you will find out if you are a finalist. **We do not call or email finalists.**
7. Winners: After the announcement of the winners at the San Francisco Writers Conference, the 2020 winners will be listed at www.sfwriters.org. Please do not call or email for a list of winners. Winners will be contacted and informed of their prize.

Judges approved by the SFWC management team will select the top 5 entries in each category. These **finalists will be judged by a group of publishing industry professionals** to select the grand prize winner and winners in each category. The Contest judges solely on the quality of writing and awards prizes accordingly.

Contestant Agreement: I have read and agree to abide by the official rules of the San Francisco Writing Contest. I understand and agree that any questions regarding the interpretation of the official rules and any matters relating to the contest that are not specifically covered by the official rules will be decided by the contest officials, and I will accept as final the decision of the contest officials in such matters. I also realize and accept that judging writing is subjective by nature. Accordingly, I will accept and abide by the decisions of any judges and/or contest officials regarding winners or runners-up in the contest. My signature on this Contestant Agreement shows that I accept as reasonable the statements made above. I am signing this Contestant Agreement in exchange for the acceptance and processing of my entry in the San Francisco Writing Contest.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Mail completed form, check and entry to: **San Francisco Writing Contest, PO Box 326, Oakley, CA 94561**

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Questions? Email us at SFWritingContest@gmail.com