

Askew's Foods Word on the Lake Writing Contest 2020 Rules and Guidelines

The 2020 Askew's Foods Word on the Lake Writing Contest is open to all writers eighteen years and older. All contest entries must be original material whose copyright resides with the submitter, and cannot have been previously published (including self-published), be currently accepted for publication, be a current entry in another contest, or have been a winner in another contest prior to the deadline. The contest opens **December 1, 2019**. All submissions must be emailed (paper submissions are not accepted) and received by the deadline of **midnight Pacific time, February 29, 2020**.

Contest entries are submitted and judged in three categories:

- **Short Fiction:** 1200 to 1500 words
- **Nonfiction:** 1200 to 1500 words
- **Poetry:** Maximum length of one page per poem; up to three poems can be submitted as a single entry

Only one entry per writer can be submitted to any category, but writers are free to submit different works to more than one category. Contest judges will be announced in January 2020.

Submission Instructions

There are two parts to the submission process: your entry (sent by email), and the contest submission fee (made by PayPal or cheque).

Your submission should include a cover page noting the following:

- Your name, address, email address, and phone number
- The category your work is entered into (Short Fiction, Nonfiction, or Poetry)
- For short fiction and nonfiction: the title of your entry and its word length
- For poetry: the number of poems submitted (one to three) and the titles of each poem

Your name must appear **only** on the cover page, not on any of the inside pages of your entry. (Our awards are blind judged, meaning the judges don't receive the cover page and don't know the name of the writer.) Use standard manuscript format: 1-inch margins, double-spaced, and a 12 point Times New Roman font. (Poetry may be single-spaced.)

For short fiction and nonfiction, each page of the entry must include the entry's title and a page number. For poetry, each poem should have its title on its page.

Your entry must be a Microsoft Word-compatible document (.doc, .docx, or .rtf format), sent as an email attachment. Entries sent in any other format (including PDF, plain text, within the body of the email, or on paper) will not be accepted.

Use the subject line 'Word on the Lake Writing Contest' for your entry email, and send it to: contest.saow@gmail.com by **midnight Pacific time, February 29, 2020**. If you would like confirmation of receipt of your entry, use the request/read receipt option from your email service provider.

Each entry to the contest has a \$15 Canadian entry fee, one hundred percent of which goes directly to supporting the Word on the Lake Writer's Festival. Entries will not be considered until the entry fee is received. You can submit your entry fee either by:

- PayPal, using the email address saow.events@gmail.com.
- A cheque made out to "Shuswap Association of Writers," with the memo note "Writing Contest" at the bottom, and mailed to:

Askew's Foods Word on the Lake Writing Contest
PO Box 1134, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P3

Notification of Winners

Winners will be notified by April 15, 2020. Email entries and attachments will be deleted after the contest winners are announced.

Prizes

The First Place winner in each category receives a \$150 cash prize plus a 2020 festival package including banquet (a \$265 value).

The Second Place winner in each category receives a \$75 cash prize plus a banquet ticket for Saturday night's award ceremony (a \$40 value).

Each Honourable Mention winner in each category receives a \$50 cash prize plus a banquet ticket for Saturday night's award ceremony (a \$40 value).

All winners will be listed on the festival website, and will have their winning entries published in the 2020 edition of the *Askew's Foods Word on the Lake Anthology*. Each winner receives the anthology in ebook and print, and the anthology will be available at the festival and online.

At the discretion of the judges, prizes in specific categories might not be awarded exactly as noted. All prizes must be accepted as offered. No cash substitutions for festival package or banquet ticket. The festival package and banquet ticket prizes are not transferable.

Publication Rights

By entering the contest, you acknowledge that if you are a contest winner, you grant the Shuswap Association of Writers one-time publication rights to your winning entry for the *Askew's Foods' Word on the Lake Anthology* in ebook and print. All other rights remain with the author. By entering the contest, you also acknowledge that if you are a contest winner, you grant the Shuswap Association of Writers the right to publish your name or pen name in the anthology and on the Shuswap Association of Writers website.

Questions

For more information on the Word on the Lake Writers' Festival, see the festival website: wordonthelakewritersfestival.com. Any queries about the contest should be directed to contest.saow@gmail.com with 'Writing Contest Questions' in the subject line of your email. We will do our best to respond within 24 hours.