

## **Askew's Foods Word on the Lake Writing Contest 2021 Rules and Guidelines — Updated February 6, 2021**

The 2021 Askew's Word on the Lake Writing Contest is open to all writers sixteen 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 **February 1, 2021**. All submissions must be emailed (paper submissions are not accepted) and received by the deadline of **midnight Pacific time, February 28, 2021**.

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 at the start of the contest period.

### **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).

If your submission has a title page, it **must not** have your name or any other identifying information on it. You can also just put the title of your fiction or nonfiction submission at the top of the first page. For poetry, each poem should have its title on its page. Make sure your name doesn't appear in your page headers or footers. (Our awards are blind judged, meaning the judges don't know the name of the writer.)

Put the following 'cover page' information into the body of your email:

- 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
- Indicate how you're paying your submission fee (PayPal or cheque)

Use standard manuscript format: 1-inch margins, double-spaced, and a 12 point Times New Roman font. (Poetry may be single-spaced.)

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](mailto:contest.saow@gmail.com) by **midnight Pacific time, February 28, 2021**. If you don’t receive a email confirming that your submission was received within 48 hours, check your junk mail folder. If the confirmation isn’t there, send an inquiry email to that same email address.

Each entry to the contest has a \$15 Canadian entry fee, which goes directly to supporting the Word on the Lake Writers’ 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](mailto: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 Word on the Lake Writing Contest  
PO Box 1134, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P3

## **Notification of Winners**

Winners will be notified by April 15, 2021. 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 and a full registration package for the 2021 festival.

The Second Place winner in each category receives a \$75 cash prize and a festival evening events package (Café Lit, Award Ceremony, and Shock Theatre) for the 2021 festival.

Each Honourable Mention winner in each category receives a \$50 cash prize and admission to the Award Ceremony and Shock Theatre for the 2021 festival.

All winners will be listed on the festival website, and will have their winning entries published in the 2021 edition of the *Askew’s 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. (If you’d like to check out the 2020 anthology, you can order it through the Shuswap Association of Writers website: <https://shuswapassociationofwriters.ca/askews-word-on-the-lake-anthology/>)

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 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](http://wordonthelakewritersfestival.com). Any queries about the contest should be directed to [contest.saow@gmail.com](mailto:contest.saow@gmail.com) with 'Writing Contest Questions' in the subject line of your email. We'll do our best to respond within 24 hours.