

# Norman Galaxy of Writers' 2012 Writing Contest

## CATEGORIES

Only ONE entry per Category per member:

Nonfiction Article: 1,500 words maximum

Short Story (Fiction): 2,000 words maximum

Rhymed Poetry: Any length

Unrhymed Poetry: Any length

Nostalgic Essay (Personal): 1,500 words maximum

Children's Fiction (for readers 8-12 years of age): 1,000 words maximum

## 2012 CONTEST RULES

1. You must be a dues-paid member of Norman Galaxy of Writers to enter. Dues are \$15 for Galaxy. You may pay dues to the treasurer, Linda Basinger, at any meeting or Send Membership Form and check to: Norman Galaxy of Writers Treasurer; PO Box 517; Norman, Ok 73070
2. You may Hand Deliver manuscripts to Contest Chair Ruth Castillo, at any meeting or Mail Manuscripts (postmarked by **Nov. 10, 2012**) to: Norman Galaxy of Writers' Contest Chair; PO Box 517; Norman, OK 73070
3. All entries must be unpublished or unaccepted for publication at the time of submission. Any manuscript entered must be your own original work.
4. Previous money-winning manuscripts (1st, 2nd, 3rd and Creme de la Creme) may not be entered again in Galaxy Contests.
5. A \$2.00 fee PER MANUSCRIPT must be enclosed. You may enter each category once. No manuscript may be entered in more than one category.
6. Entries must be typed on 8" x 11" white, 20-weight printer copy paper and must be double-spaced except for poetry. If entry is longer than one page, type the title of your entry in the top left corner of every page except the first page and page number on top right corner.
7. Author's name must not appear on any manuscript.
8. Type your name, address, phone number, title and category on a **cover sheet** and attach to each manuscript with a paper clip. Do not staple.
9. If you will not be attending the December awards luncheon, either arrange for someone to pick up your entries, or enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope, large enough for all your entries.

## Notes about the Contest

There must be a minimum of three entries in a category before it will be judged and prizes awarded.

Awards will be presented at the December 8th Awards Luncheon. Manuscripts will be returned there. Certificates and cash will be awarded in each category. 1st Place: \$15, 2nd Place: \$10, 3rd Place: \$5. Certificates will go to honorable mentions. The Bonnie Speer Creme de la Creme Award (\$30) goes to the best of the 1st Place winners.

Judges will be selected by the Chairperson based on their experience in the genre and willingness to write critiques. The judges' decisions are final.

The Creme de la Creme winner may not enter the contest the following year, but is asked to serve as Assistant Contest Chair. This is training for becoming the Contest Chair the following year.