

## 2023 Arizona Authors Literary Contest

### CONTEST AND SUBMISSION RULES

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.** Any entries not following all of the rules will be disqualified without notification or refund.

#### **GENERAL:**

Multiple submissions require an entry form for each submission. You may submit extra forms on our website ([www.arizonaauthors.org](http://www.arizonaauthors.org) or [www.arizonaauthors.com](http://www.arizonaauthors.com) )

No submissions will be returned except in those categories where a critique is offered, selected and paid for.

All entries must be submitted by the author of the work except for compilations, which may be submitted by the editor or publisher.

We reserve the right to switch an entry's category, cancel a category, or withhold awards if all entries fail to earn a minimum acceptable score.

Plagiarized content may result in disqualification without notification. All sources must be cited with Author, Title, and First Publication Date. The Arizona Authors Association prefers end notes, but in-line citation and footnotes are accepted.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** We are switching to pdfs for ALL contest entries, both published and unpublished. Email one pdf for each entry in any category.

Once you submit your entry form (step one), you have **72 hours** to complete your payment (step two) and send your pdf (step three). If you have difficulty completing any of the three steps, contact [arizonaauthorsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:arizonaauthorsassociation@gmail.com) and explain the problem so that we may help you with your entry.

#### **PUBLISHED CATEGORIES:**

All entries in published categories **except** Oldie but Goldie must bear a 2022 or 2023 copyright date. The work must not be a reprint from earlier years, but an author may use previously published content for up to twenty percent of their total submission (with proper citations).

An Oldie but Goldie entry **may have any publication date** within the past 50 years, but must never have won any prize in any year in the Arizona Authors Association Literary Contest. Other contests do not affect eligibility.

Published books and other works will employ the format of the original published work.

Published books must include ISBN, copyright date, and publisher (author, if self-published).

**Send one pdf copy of your published book or other submission to:**

[arizonaauthorsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:arizonaauthorsassociation@gmail.com)

#### **UNPUBLISHED CATEGORIES:**

Unpublished works are just that, unpublished. If you have ever posted your entry on your Facebook page or on a website, it no longer qualifies as unpublished. An unpublished work may quote published, properly cited sources for no more than 20 percent of its total content.

**ALL** unpublished entries must be double spaced with a 12 point Times New Roman, Courier or Ariel font for the body of the text, and no more than a 16 point font for headers or short pieces of highlighted text. Authors must submit entries in standard letter size, 8.5"x11" format with one-inch margins. Title and page numbers should be placed in either the header or the footer of the pdf.

Unpublished Short Story/Essay/Review entries cannot exceed 5000 words.

Unpublished Poetry or Prose entries may contain up to 50 lines. Single spacing within stanzas is OK.

Unpublished Novel/Novella entries must include a synopsis (max. 5 pages) and the first 25 pages of the completed manuscript. The synopsis must summarize the entire story from start to finish. Complete manuscripts must be emailed within 3 days of an official request.

The author's name may not appear on any unpublished submission. Their name and contact info may only appear on the entry form, along with the title of the submission.

Winners in unpublished categories automatically consign **first** serial rights to Arizona Authors Association. We will publish winning entries in the 2024 Arizona Literary Magazine, due out in November 2023. If an entry is published elsewhere before the 2024 Literary Magazine is available for purchase, the entry will be automatically disqualified and any prize won will be forfeited.

**Send one pdf copy of your book or other submission to [arizonaauthorsassociation@gmail.com](mailto:arizonaauthorsassociation@gmail.com)**

**Good Luck To All Our Contest Entrants!**