

The Gulf Coast Writers Association's Twenty-first Annual
“Let’s Write” Literary Contest 2009 Guidelines

Contest opens: January 15, 2009

Entries must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2009

All categories are open to all writers, published or unpublished. We will accept most genres, except pornography, excessive profanity, erotica, graphic violence/horror, or anything racial or biased toward any religious or moral preference.

RULES:

- **Maximum** entry length: 36 lines (poetry), 2500 words (fiction and non-fiction).
- **All entries** must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration for publication during this competition, (this includes submissions to our Magnolia Quarterly Magazine) and submission must not have been a winner of a previous "Let's Write" Literary Contest.
- **All entries** must be typewritten, 12 pt. **Times New Roman** font, double-spaced. Poetry may be single-spaced, on one side only of 8^{1/2} x 11 white paper.
- **For each entry**, include a **COVER PAGE**. (See Cover Page requirements below)
- **On each entry** put title only on the first page, then title and page # in the upper right hand corner of each additional page. Please put **No Other** identification on your entry.
- **Keep your originals**. Send only copies. Entries will not be returned. GCWA cannot be responsible for entries lost in the mail or damaged due to natural catastrophe.
- **GCWA retains the rights** to publish the winning entries in the Magnolia Quarterly and on the web site.
- **Multiple entries** in all categories are welcome and may be mailed in one envelope.

COVER PAGE must include the following information:
1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone Number
4. E-Mail address
5. Title of Entry
6. Category (Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry)
7. Word Count (Not to exceed 2500 words or 36 lines of poetry)

* Entry fees: Include **\$8.00** for each **Fiction** or **Nonfiction** entry, **\$5.00** for each **Poetry** entry. Fees must accompany entries!

* Mail entries to: Gulf Coast Writers Association, “Let’s Write” Literary Contest
Post Office Box 10294, Gulfport, MS 39505

* Or enter on-line: **www.GCWriters.org/contest.html**

	Poetry	Fiction	Nonfiction
<i>Maximum</i>	<i>36 lines</i>	<i>2500 word</i>	<i>2500 words</i>
First Prize	\$75	\$75	\$75
Second Prize	\$50	\$50	\$50
Third Prize	\$25	\$25	\$25

To receive acknowledgment/receipt of your entry, include a self-addressed stamped post card.

For a list of winners and/or information about the awards banquet, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address before May 1, 2009. The SASE may accompany your entry.

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