

Writing for a Purpose Contest

Everyone has a story to tell...

Prizes: \$500.00 and
Your very own Published Fiction and/or Non-Fiction Book

Entry fee: \$15.00

- ✍ Do you consider yourself the next Terry McMillan, Jack Canfield, Hill Harper, or Emily Griffin?
- ✍ Do you have a powerful story to tell?
- ✍ Do you have what it takes to inspire, encourage, educate, or empower?
- ✍ Are you a college student working on an undergraduate degree?

Prizes

One- \$250 cash prize and his or her non-fiction work published.
Two- \$250 cash prize and his or her fiction worked published.
Winners will be announced December 30th, 2011.

Types of Entries Accepted & Judging Criteria

Accepting Non-Fiction entry and/or Fiction Entry Submissions

Nonfiction criteria- Only accepting book proposals. Story must be creative, but have a purpose. For proposals we will accept a minimum of 10 pages and a maximum of 20 pages. Literary non-fiction will be accepted. The work should not have been previously published in print media at the time of its submission to the contest. Please make sure your manuscript is completed by the deadline date of October 31, 2011.

Fiction criteria- Only accepting one page queries for: literary, women's fiction, multicultural, short story, thriller/suspense/crime, and commercial fiction. We will not accept anything not listed. If it is not listed in the categories/genre, it will NOT be accepted. The work should not have been previously published in print media of its submission to the contest. Please be sure to have a completed manuscript ready for print by October 31, 2011.

Submit entry fee payment and then submit your query to
writingforapurposecontest@gmail.com.

In judging entries, particular weight will be given to their power to move the reader, their originality and their demonstration of the craft skills of creative writing.

Deadline

Early entry will begin **June 13, 2011 at 8am (EST)**

Contest officially begins **August 1, 2011 at 8am (EST)**

Entries must be received with payment by **12 noon (EST) December 1, 2011.**

Winners will be announced **December 30, 2011** on the **Writing for a Purpose** website at 3pm.

Entrants may submit as many entries as they wish but each entry must be accompanied by the \$15.00 fee.

The entry fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Presentation Format

Nonfiction -Prepare your proposal as you would for submission to an agent or publisher: a cover sheet with the story's title, approx. word length, **and your full contact address plus e-mail and telephone number.** The text should be in either Times New Roman or Arial, 11 or 12-point, and double spaced.

Fiction – Prepare a query letter as if submitting to an agent or publisher. Be sure to check the website for assistance with writing a query letter.

How to Submit Entries

Proposals and Query entries must be pasted in the body of the email. We will NOT accept manuscripts, unless requested. We will not open an email if there is an attachment.

The Subject line of your e-mail should read Writing for a Purpose: 2011 [Indicate whether it is Fiction or Non-Fiction] and [your name].

(For example: **Writing for a Purpose 2011: Non-Fiction, Synovia Dover-Harris**

Payment must be made through the website by PayPal, using the PayPal button. If you are paying your entry fee by PayPal, simply click on the PayPal button below and follow the instructions given.

PayPal: This is the fastest, easiest way to pay, to be sure that payment is received by the contest deadline. To submit more than one entry, please make individual purchases. Be sure to also submit individual proposals (non-fiction) and/or queries (fiction). A separate PayPal transaction and email must be received for additional entries.

Credit/Debit Card: Clicking on the "Buy Now" button will also allow entrants to pay by credit card if entrant does not have a PayPal account.

Entries will be accepted from anywhere in the world, provided that they are in the English language and that payment is received via PayPal.

Disclaimer & Copyright

The work submitted must be own original work.

The work has not at time of entering contest been published in print media elsewhere.

Entrants will retain the copyright to their own submitted work and are free to submit it at any time for publication elsewhere, or for entry in other competitions.

Entries will not be returned. While every practical provision will be taken for the security of entries, neither A2Z Books nor Corporate Chics, LLC will accept liability for the loss or non-arrival of entries. Entrants are strongly advised to keep a copy of all entries.

Entrants will receive an automated response ensuring that their entry has been received.