

San Diego Comic Fest 2014

Science Fiction Short Story

Contest Rules

- 1) To be eligible for this contest you must be a middle school or high school student, or if home-schooled you must be at a grade level equivalency of middle school or high school, as of September 19th, 2014.
- 2) Story length must be between 1000 and 5000 words. Excessive violence, sex, or religious extremism, as determined by the judges, will result in disqualification.
- 3) Story content must be of a science fiction nature (Example- the Merriam-Webster definition of science fiction states that it is “fiction dealing principally with the impact of actual or imagined science on society or individuals or having a scientific factor as an essential orienting component.”)
- 4) All entries must be double spaced, with numbered pages and submitted in a common document format (MS Word, Adobe PDF, Word Perfect, etc.) If a story submission is received in a format that is not in commonly used, and is not able to be read by the judges, said submission will be disqualified.
- 5) San Diego Comic Fest reserves First Rights on all submissions. All other rights to the story remain the property of the author.
- 6) Entries may not have been previously published in professional media.
- 7) All entries must be original works, in English. Plagiarism (which includes the use of third-party poetry, song lyrics, characters, or another person's ideas without written permission or proper acknowledgment) will result in disqualification.
- 8) Each entry must have a cover page with the title of the work, the author's name, full mailing address, telephone number and email address. Every subsequent page must carry the title and a page number.
- 9) To be eligible, your story submission must be received by midnight (PST) on the last day of the contest, which is September 26th, 2014.
- 10) Story submissions should be sent to anthony@sdcomicfest.org. Submission must include the words ‘CF Short Story Contest’ and the words ‘I have read and agree to the contest rules.’ in the subject line of the submission e-mail.

- 11) Each entrant may submit only one short story per contest.
- 12) All entries are final. No revisions will be accepted.
- 13) Prizes will be awarded at a ceremony to be held at the Town & Country Hotel (time and day to be announced.)
- 14) Award recipient short story contest authors agree to allow San Diego Comic Fest to place the author's story on its website. All other rights to the story remain the property of the author.
- 15) All award recipients will be expected to attend the award ceremony. Award recipients will be given free admission passes for themselves and two family members to San Diego Comic Fest. (Additional passes may also be purchased at www.sdcomicfest.org)
- 16) If an award recipient is unable to attend the ceremony due to illness or a family emergency, San Diego Comic Fest will make a reasonable effort to unite the recipient with his or her prize(s). However, this does not include instances where said prize is a non-tangible item. (For example, a luncheon or private meeting with a San Diego Comic Fest writer or artist during the convention.) The recipient will also be allowed to have an individual of their choosing accept the award on their behalf.
- 17) All award recipients are required to provide their own transportation to and from San Diego Comic Fest. Award recipients are also required to provide their own lodging accommodations (unless said accommodations have been offered to an award recipient as a prize).
- 18) Award recipients will be notified via e-mail no later than October 3rd, 2014. All award recipients must acknowledge receipt of notification e-mail within 7 days. If recipient does not contact San Diego Comic Fest within the required time period, the contest judges will award that recipient's place to the recipient at the next award level. (For example, if the first place recipient does not contact San Diego Comic Fest within 7 days, then the second place recipient will secure that recipient's award position. Then the third place recipient will become the second place award recipient, and another third place recipient will be chosen.)

We thank you for your interest, and we eagerly look forward to reading the many fascinating, fun, and (undoubtedly) creative stories you submit for our contest.

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