



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

**256 Main Street
Danbury, Connecticut 06810
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Danbury Cultural Commission Flash Fiction Contest

February 2020

ELIGIBILITY

The Danbury Cultural Commission invites Danbury students in grades 9 through 12 to enter our **Flash Fiction Contest**. The contest is also open to any writers who do not formally attend a high school but are between the ages of 14 through 18. Any high school aged student may enter, but a student must have a social security number filed with the City of Danbury to receive a cash prize.

FLASH FICTION PARAMETERS

- The category is Flash Fiction – from 500 to 1000 words.
- School-appropriate language and subject matter are required.
- No more than two Flash Fiction works per author should be submitted.
- Flash Fiction in non-English must have a written English translation.
- Students of winning submissions must be prepared to read the story aloud and then give a brief (50 word) description of their inspiration for it.

SUBMISSION RULES (electronic submissions) (Preferred)

- Submissions go to the School Coordinator who will forward all stories at the submission deadline. NO STORIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE CULTURAL COMMISSION.
- The writer's name, address, phone number, school and grade should appear on the top of the entry. (The Commission will remove the identifying information and replace it with a code.)
- The text should be typed and double-spaced.
- Submissions should be *.DOC, *.DOCX, or *.txt format (*.PDF is not acceptable for formatting reasons).
- Stories previously printed or appearing in other publications are not eligible.

(Authors must control their copyright.)

- No entries will be returned.

SUBMISSION RULES (physical submissions)

- The writer's name should not appear on the entry.
- The text should be typed and double-spaced.
- A 3x5 card with writer's name, address, phone number, school, and grade should be attached to the entry for identification purposes.
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WHERE TO SEND SUBMISSIONS

Electronic submissions should be **gathered** together **by the school coordinator** and sent in as few emails as possible, as attachments, to G.Wencek@Danbury-CT.gov Students should NOT send submissions directly to the Cultural Commission.

Physical submissions should be gathered together by the school coordinator and delivered to Mr. Gregory Wencek, Cultural Commission Coordinator, 256 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810. Students should NOT send submissions directly to the Cultural Commission.

For additional information, contact Mr. Gregory Wencek Monday or Wednesday, 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. at 203-797-4508 or Coordinator@DanburyArts.com anytime.

PRIZES

A total of \$500 in prizes will be awarded. NOTE: In the event of an author having multiple entries selected, only one cash award, of the highest amount, will be given. The next runner up will be awarded the next prize level.

- First Prize is \$200.
- Second Prize is \$125.
- Third Prize is \$75.
- POSSIBLE Honorable Mention \$50. prizes may also be awarded.

The deadline for the Flash Fiction Contest is **tentatively** March 6, 2020.

The winners will be invited to share their stories at a celebratory reception in May 2020.

The Danbury Cultural Commission reserves the right to compile entries for publication.