



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

256 Main Street
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Danbury Cultural Commission Short Story Contest

January 2019

ELIGIBILITY

The Danbury Cultural Commission invites Danbury students in grades 9 through 12 to enter our **First Short Story 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.

SHORT STORY PARAMETERS

- The category is Flash Fiction – from 500 to 1000 words.
- School-appropriate language and subject matter is required.
- No more than two short stories per author should be submitted.
- Short stories 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)

- 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).
- Short 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 sent in as few emails as possible, as attachments, to G.Wencek@Danbury-CT.gov

Physical submissions should be delivered to Mr. Gregory Wencek, Cultural Commission Coordinator, 256 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810

For additional information, contact Mr. Gregory Wencek Monday or Wednesday 4:30 P.M to 6:30 P.M. at 203-797-4508 or Coordinator@DanburyArts.com anytime.

PRIZES

A total of \$500 in prizes may 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 Short Story Contest is **tentatively** February 15, 2019.

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

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