

**Inspirational Writers Alive! Open Competition 2020**  
**Deadline for entries: June 15, 2020**

**Maximum of two entries in each category**

**Category 1 Short Story—Fiction:** Adult/young adult (15 to early twenties) themes; 700-2500 words

**Category 2 Short Story—Fiction:** Children/teens (to age 14); 750-1000 words

**Category 3 Article:** Nonfiction; 500-1500 words

**Category 4 Poetry:** Rhymed/unrhymed; 48 lines or fewer

**Category 5 Devotional:** 300 words or fewer, including scripture and prayer thought on the order of *Secret Place, Come Ye Apart, Upper Room*

**Category 6 Non-Fiction Book:** Table of Contents/Summary/1<sup>st</sup> Chapter; up to 2500 words

**Category 7 Adult Novel:** Summary/1<sup>st</sup> Chapter; up to 2500 words

**Children's Book:** Summary/1<sup>st</sup> Chapter; up to 1000 words

Category 6 and 7: Open only to unpublished writers or unpublished in last 3 years in genre. For a child's picture book, submit the entire manuscript or a layout of the book (no illustrations).

**General Guidelines**

Entries must be unpublished and have inspiring appeal.

Submit two SASE: one 10x12 for return of manuscripts and one legal for notification of winning entries.

**First-place winners may not enter the same category for two years.**

Submit two copies of each entry. The cover page for each entry must include your name, address, phone number, email, title, word count, and category.

Do not put your name anywhere on your manuscript. On page 1, type the title and begin your story.

On page 2 and following pages, put the entry title in the upper left corner and the page number in the upper right corner.

All entries must be typed in correct manuscript style: double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman or Courier New. Please do not use fancy fonts.

**Entry fees:** Members: \$5, Non-Members: \$10

**Special Notes:**

\*All winners will be notified by mail. If you attend the conference, you may pick up manuscripts then.

\***Awards will be presented at the Texas Christian Writers Conference on August 1, 2020.**

\*Registration forms for the TCWC may be obtained at: [www.centralhoustoniwa.com](http://www.centralhoustoniwa.com).

\*Prizes are \$30 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$20 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$15 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

\*Due to increase in postage rates, manuscripts without 10x12 SASE will NOT be returned by mail.

\*Please use registration form on reverse side.

**Failure to follow any of the guidelines will disqualify your entry.**

## Registration Form: IWA! 2020 Writing Competition

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ IWA! Chap \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member \_\_\_\_\_

Categories Entered: \$10 non-member, \$5 member.

|  | Number of Entries   | Fee      |
|--|---------------------|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Adult Short Story           | .....               | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Children/Teen Short Stories | .....               | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Article                     | .....               | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Poetry                      | .....               | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Devotional                  | .....               | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 First Chapter Non- Fiction  | .....               | _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7 First Chapter Fiction       | .....               | _____    |
|  | <b>Total Fee(s)</b> | _____    |

Amount remitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** If any category fails to have enough qualified entries, you may opt to have your money returned or to have your manuscript evaluated by a professional.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please return my entry fee. \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to have a professional evaluation.

Mail all entries with this form to: **Melanie Stiles**  
3814 Lost Oak Drive  
Spring, Texas 77388

For further information: [marthalrogers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:marthalrogers@sbcglobal.net) OR [melstiles@aol.com](mailto:melstiles@aol.com)

**Deadline: June 15, 2020**

### Checklist for Entries:

- \_\_\_ Correct Manuscript Form                      \_\_\_ Check or MO for correct amount  
\_\_\_ Cover Sheet with complete information      \_\_\_ Two copies of manuscript  
\_\_\_ **Return SASE (if you prefer your submissions returned after the contest)**