



Entry Form

Gulf Coast Writers Association Writing Contest 2011

Please read all contest guidelines before submitting this entry form.

Author Information (please print or type)

Name	
Address	
City	
State	
ZIP Code	
Telephone (home)	
Telephone (cell)	
E-Mail	
Student – Name of school	

Entry Information (Please use one entry form for each entry)

Title of my entry: _____

I am entering the:

___ Fiction Word Count _____ (Maximum 1500 words)

___ Nonfiction Word Count _____ (Maximum 1500 words)

___ Poetry number of lines _____ (Maximum 40 lines)

Entry Fee: _____ (write in amount of fee submitted)

Members & Students \$10.00

Non-Member \$20.00

Add \$5.00 each additional entry

Add \$10.00 each additional entry

You may mail or hand-deliver your entry at our monthly meeting.

All submissions must be delivered or postmarked not later than January 31, 2011. All submissions must include full payment. Cash payments are only accepted in person at our regular monthly meeting.

Winning entries are normally published on the Gulf Coast Writers Association Website or designated publication. I Agree, Do Not Agree to publication of my submission on the GCWA Website or *Florida Weekly*.

Signature
Date

Please make checks or money orders payable to: Gulf Coast Writers Association or GCWA.

Mail entry to: GCWA
P.O. Box 60771
Fort Myers, FL 33906

Guidelines:

- Writing Contest is open to GCWA members and the public.
- Original, unpublished submissions only
 - Your entry must be original, in English, unpublished and unproduced, not accepted by any other publisher or producer before March 26, 2011.
- Word count:
 - Fiction / Nonfiction – 1500 words maximum
 - Poetry – 40 lines maximum
- Submit three (3) copies. Your submission(s) will not be returned.
 - Note: Less than six (6) entries in a category will constitute no contest and entry fee shall be returned.
- Age requirement for entrants – 18 years old by March 26, 2011.
- Student submission requires current identification of school where actively enrolled.
- All entry fees are due in U.S. Dollars, accompanied by an entry form.
- Deadline:
 - Entries postmarked after January 31, 2011, will not be accepted.
- If you submit a portion of a novel, please understand that it will be judged as a complete story, not part of another work, so it needs to be a complete story in and of itself.
- All Judges' decisions are final.
 - Judges will consider: characterization, plot, structure, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Visit our Website www.gulfwriters.org for judging criteria forms.
 - Judges reserve the right to NOT select a winner if entries fail to meet quality criteria.
- Winner notification: by email before March 12, 2011
- The winning submissions (top three) will be published on GCWA's Website and/or *Florida Weekly* with author's permission.
 - GCWA and/or *Florida Weekly* have only first rights. Copyright and all other rights remain property of author.
 - Winners must be present, March 26, 2011 to accept award.
- You may enter as many submissions as you like in each of the following categories:
 - Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry
 - No gratuitous violence or erotica.
- Typed submissions only (handwritten submissions will be disregarded), 3 copies.
 - Formatting:
 - Font: Times New Roman, Font size: 12
 - Margins: top/bottom 1", left/right 1" Text unjustified (ragged right margin)
 - Fiction & non-fiction: double spaced, single side on 8 ½ x 11 white paper
 - Poetry may be single or double spaced as best befits the work.
 - Judging by blind entry method (DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME on entry pages)
 - You must include the title of your entry on each page
 - All pages must be numbered – bottom center of page
 - Entries must be stapled in top left corner
- Entry form:
 - Entry form should NOT be stapled to entry (Judging by blind entry method)
 - Author's name (Pen names are allowed. We only need your real name if you are chosen as a winner – in order to issue prizes.)
 - Include: snail mail, email, telephone number, title of work, submission category, and word count.