

**VICTORIA WRITERS' SOCIETY
16th ANNUAL WRITING CONTEST
RULES**

Submit your best fiction, creative non-fiction, or poetry to the 2017 VWS annual writing contest.

Submission deadline:

- Entries to be postmarked no later than May 01, 2017, but may also be hand-delivered to the VWS general meeting at the Central Library, Victoria, 7:00 pm Wednesday, May 3 2017.
- Submit typed hard copy only. We do not accept electronic submissions.
- Entries will not be returned.
- Mail to:

Victoria Writers' Society,
Annual Writing Contest,
P.O. Box 8311, Victoria, B.C.
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Entry form:

- Your name should not appear on the manuscript.
- Complete all sections of only one entry form for the contest. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- Include your e-mail address. It is important that your e-mail address be legible.
- Writers may submit only one entry per category (fiction, creative non-fiction, or poetry) but may submit in any or all categories, all covered by a single entry form.

Entry fee:

- \$15.00 per entry for VWS members.
- \$20.00 per entry for non-members.
- Cheques or money orders payable to Victoria Writers' Society for entry fees to accompany entries. Please note that we are not set up to receive electronic or plastic payments.
- An entry fee must be paid for each entry.

Format:

- Entries should be on letter-size paper (8 ½" x 11"), easily readable font such as Arial 12 Pt, and double-spaced for stories.
- Poetry to be single-spaced.
- Title of work should appear at top of each page.

Word count:

- Must be shown at top left-hand corner of first page of each submission.
- 2,500 words maximum for fiction and creative non-fiction.
- 100 lines for poetry

Eligibility:

- The contest is open to residents of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.
- Work previously published or currently under consideration for publication elsewhere is not eligible to enter this competition.

Winners:

- Winners will be notified by August 21, 2017, and will be invited to read their winning works at the VWS General Meeting Wednesday, September 06, 2017.
- The winning works will be published in the December 2017 edition of *Island Writer* magazine. Authors retain copyright after publication.
- Winners' names will appear on the VWS Website after the September 06 readings.

Prizes for each category:

- 1st \$300.00
- 2nd \$200.00
- 3rd \$100.00

Website: victoriawriters.ca/writing-contest/