

HFWG 2011 Writing Conference June 3-4, Sikeston, Missouri
“Great Beginnings Writing Competition” & “Great Successes Writing Competition”

Entry Guidelines

- ~Entries are limited to registered conference attendees. Enclose registration with entry.
- ~In the case of multiple author entry, all authors must attend the conference.
- ~Attendees may submit a maximum of three (3) entries. However, attendees may submit no more than two (2) entries in any one category.
- ~Entries will be judged by professionals in the industry.
- ~Awards will be presented at the Saturday evening awards banquet.
- ~All entries must be the original work of the author (s).

Contest Entry Deadline

- ~Postmarked no later than April 30, 2011
- ~Conference registration must accompany entries.

“Great Beginnings Categories” and new this year “Great Successes Categories”

Entries in the “GREAT BEGINNINGS” categories must not have been published or previously accepted for publication.

Entries in the “GREAT SUCCESSES” categories must have been published in 2009 or 2010. Publication information must be included with the entry

Formatting

- ~Manuscripts double-spaced-plain white paper
- ~12 pt - Times New Roman
- ~Each submission must include two (2) cover pages.

Cover Page #1 should contain the following:

- ~Entrant’s name, address, and telephone number
- ~Title of work
- ~Name of the Category i.e. “Poetry Great Beginnings” or “Poetry Great Successes”
- ~Actual or anticipated length of completed manuscript

Cover Page #2 should contain the following:

- ~All of the above information **except** your name, address, and phone number.

Reminders

- ~Do not include your name on any page other than the first cover page.
- ~Send entries as loose leaf---no binding
- ~Send two copies of each submission. Retain your original copy.
- ~Contest entry form (s) must be filled out in full and returned along with your entry (s), entry fee (s), and conference registration form and conference fee.
- ~A \$15 handling fee must accompany each entry.
- ~ Entries will not be returned.
- ~Any category that does not receive a sufficient number of entries may be consolidated with another category.

Awards

First Place - Engraved Award **Second Place** Certificate

“GREAT BEGINNINGS WRITING CONTEST” CATEGORIES

Submission guidelines for the following unpublished novel categories: Submit a synopsis that does not exceed seven double-spaced pages and also submit the first chapter. No binding.

Novel (unpublished)

~**Mainstream/Single Title**

~**Mystery/Suspense**

~**Romance**

~**Paranormal/Sci Fi/Fantasy/ Western**

~**Juvenile/Young Adult**

Short Story (unpublished)

~Submit a short story no longer than 2,500 words.

Children’s Picture Book (unpublished)

~Submit entire manuscript . No illustrations. No binding.

Book-Length Nonfiction (unpublished)

~Submit a proposal, not to exceed seven double-spaced pages, that includes chapter titles with brief chapter descriptions and also submit the first chapter of the manuscript.

Article-Length Nonfiction (unpublished)

~Submit an article no longer than 2,500

Poetry (unpublished)

~Submit entire poem. (unpublished)

“GREAT SUCCESSES WRITING CONTEST” CATEGORIES

“Great Successes” entries must be **in-print publications**. Sorry no internet publications.

Fiction Book Submit 2 copies of book published in 2009 or 2010.

Short Story

~Submit 2 copies of published work with publication information. (2009 or 2010)

Children’s Picture Book

~Submit 2 copies of published book. (2009 or 2010)

Nonfiction Book Submit 2 copies of book published in 2009 or 2010.

Article-Length Nonfiction

~Submit 2 copies of published article with publication information. (2009 or 2010)

Poetry

~Submit 2 copies of published poem with publication information. (2009 or 2010)

“Flash Fiction Published or Unpublished”

~Submit 2 copies of a flash fiction story --- 500 words or less. “Published” in this category is defined as “in print” or “internet publication.” Entries may be published in any year.

