

# ConStellation 13's Bryce Pfeiffer Memorial Writers Contest

**ConStellation**, Lincoln, Nebraska's annual science fiction and fantasy convention, is holding a writers contest in conjunction with our 2024 convention, Constellation 13 ([constellationne.net/constellation2024](http://constellationne.net/constellation2024)) to be held April 19-21, 2024.

**Who May Enter:** Writers of all ages and experience levels

**Genres:** All types of science fiction and fantasy

**Types of Submissions:** Short stories up to 5,000 words and poems of any length

## How to Enter

There is **no entry fee**; preregistration for ConStellation 13 does not affect entrants' chances of winning.

One submission (**one story** and/or **one-to-three poems**) per entrant.

Submission format:

Include as a **separate file attached to your email**.

**Microsoft Word** (*preferred* — .doc or .docx), **rich text format** (.rtf), or **portable document format** (.pdf).

**Double spaced in a common font**; [Shunn manuscript format](#) is welcome.

Cover letter format:

Include a cover letter as a separate file or in the body of your email.

Include in your cover letter your:

- **Name**
- **Mailing address**
- **Email address**
- **Phone number**
- **Title** of story or poem(s)
- Age division: **Adult (writers age 18 and older)**, **Teen (writers age 13 to 17)**, or **Youth (writers age 12 and under)** as of April 19, 2024
- Experience division: **Novice** or **Professional** ([as defined by SFWA](#))

Send your submission and your cover letter to Brian Hirt at [writerscontest@constellationne.net](mailto:writerscontest@constellationne.net).

**Submission Deadline:** Submit your entry no later than **Sunday, March 24, 2024**.

## Questions?

Email Brian Hirt at [writerscontest@constellationne.net](mailto:writerscontest@constellationne.net).

## Judging and Winning

All winners will receive:

- A weekend membership to Constellation 13 (or an equivalent prize if already registered)
- A weekend membership for a chaperone (winners age 12 and under)
- A \$25 bookstore gift card
- Publication of their work on our website and/or the ConStellation 13 program book
- Recognition during ConStellation 13 opening ceremonies

The number of submissions will determine the number of award divisions and winners.

For each submission, personal information about the author (other than age and experience divisions) will be withheld from judges to assure blind judging.

By submitting, the author agrees to allow ConStellation to publish their name, their age/experience divisions, and their entry on our website and in print (our conference program).

Beyond ConStellation's right to first publish submitted entries, authors retain all others rights to submitted works.

## Fine Print

**PLEASE READ. Failure to abide by these rules may result in disqualification.**

Submissions must not have been published elsewhere (including anywhere online).

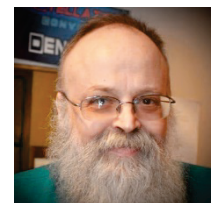
Submissions must be completely original to the author.

Submissions may not be set in anyone else's intellectual property (i.e., no fan fiction).

Keeping our broad audience in mind, submissions must not have language or themes that exceed the equivalent of a PG-13 movie rating.

## About Bryce Pfeiffer

*Bryce Pfeiffer was an integral part of ConStellation as well as a monthly science-fiction-and-fantasy book club in Lincoln. He loved reading and discussing great speculative fiction, and he supported his wife Karen*



*Pfeiffer in coordinating and judging ConStellation's writers contest for years. We continue to honor Bryce's memory as our contest continues to inspire new writers to bring science fiction and fantasy to life on the page.*