

# ConStellation Online 2021 Writers Contest — Updated April 2021

ConStellation ([ConStellationNE.net](http://ConStellationNE.net)), Lincoln, Nebraska's annual science fiction and fantasy convention, is holding a writers contest in conjunction with our **ConStellation Online 2021** convention, which kicks off April 17-18.

**Who May Enter:** Writers ages 13-to-adult of all experience levels who reside in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri or South Dakota

**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**.

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) or Teen (writers age 13 to 17)** as of June 20, 2021
- **Experience division: Novice or Professional** (three professional sales [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, June 20, 2021**.

## Judging and Winning

All winners will receive:

- A weekend membership to our next in-person convention (currently anticipated as ConStellation 11 in spring 2022, restrictions permitting) or an equivalent prize if already registered
- A \$25 bookstore gift card
- Recognition during a ConStellation Online 2021 event
- Publication of their work on the ConStellation website
- Possible publication of their work in the ConStellation 11 program book in 2022

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

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

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

Beyond ConStellation's nonexclusive right to publish any entry, the author retains all others rights to the submitted work.

## Fine Print

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

Submissions must not have 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.

## Questions?

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