

ConStellation 11 Writers Contest

ConStellation, Lincoln, Nebraska's annual science fiction and fantasy convention, is holding a writers contest in conjunction with our 2022 convention, Constellation 11 (constellationne.net) to be held April 8-10.

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 11 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 8, 2022
- **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.

Submission Deadline: Submit your entry no later than **Sunday, March 6, 2022.**

Judging and Winning

All winners will receive:

- A weekend membership to Constellation 11 (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 11 program book
- Recognition during Constellation 11 opening ceremonies
- Winners will be invited to introduce and read their works during a special reading room panel during Constellation 11.

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 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.