

ConStellation 10 Writers Contest

ConStellation, Lincoln, Nebraska's annual science fiction and fantasy convention, is holding a writers contest in conjunction with our 2019 convention, Constellation 10 (constellationne.net).

Who May Enter: Writers of all ages and experience levels

Genres: All types of science fiction and fantasy

Types of Submissions: Short stories of any length (up to 5,000 words) or up to 3 poems

How to Enter

- There is **no entry fee**; preregistration for ConStellation 10 does not affect entrants' chances of winning
- One submission (**one story** 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 in a separate file or 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 26, 2019
 - **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: Friday, March 15, 2019**

Judging and Winning

- All winners will receive a weekend membership to Constellation 10 (or an equivalent prize if already registered), a weekend membership for a chaperone (winners age 12 and under), and a \$25 gift card
- 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 rights to publish any or all winning entries, authors retain all others rights

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