

## **Dreams Come True International Writing Competition Terms and Conditions**

The Writers Club at Santa Monica College (“Writers Club”) presents the Dreams Come True International Writing Competition.

### **Eligibility:**

- Entries in poetry and short-story fiction are welcome from student writers anywhere in the world.
- There is no age limit. However, parental consent is required for students under the age of 18 or as required by law.
- *Writers Club* staff, officers, and competition judges are not eligible to enter.

### **Material Formatting:**

- Entries must be submitted as a Word document (.doc or .docx) or other text file that can be opened in Word.
- The text should be presented in 12 pt. font size in Times New Roman.
- The pages should be numbered.
- Entries must not exceed 3,500 words.
- Entries must be written in English.
- A title page must accompany each entry stating genre (poetry or short story fiction), your name, contact information, name of school, academic level, and state or country.
- The name of the electronic file should be the title of your entry.

### **Manner of Submission:**

- All entries must be transmitted by email to: [smcwritersclub2021@gmail.com](mailto:smcwritersclub2021@gmail.com)
- Up to three entries per writer are permitted but each must be submitted by separate email.
- No postal entries will be accepted.
- No entry fee is required.
- All entries must be accompanied by a signed copy of these Terms and Conditions.

### **Entry Deadline:**

- The closing date for entries is September 30, 2021.
- Entries must be transmitted electronically on or before 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on September 30, 2021.
- Any submission submitted after the Entry or Extension Deadline will be disqualified.

**Awards:**

- One Dreams Come True Award in Literature.
- One Dreams Come True Award in Innovation to recognize an exceptional submission.
- Up to three Dreams Come True Young Award will be presented to three exceptional primary or secondary school student writers.

**Prizes:**

- Winning entries shall be published by the Writers Club in a book or magazine.
- One copy of the publication of award-winning submissions will be supplied to every awardee or published writer.
- No cash or other monetary awards are given.

**Selection Process:**

- Finalists are notified at the end of September after preliminary judging.
- Final judging selects all winners for all categories.
- Judges have the option to select work for second special awards and honorable mentions.
- These and all other entries will be considered for publication by the Writers Club.

**Additional Terms and Conditions:**

- Entry or submission material must not (and entrants represent and warrant that it will not), violate or infringe any third-party copyright, trademark, trade dress, or other proprietary right of any entity or person (living or deceased), including but not limited to rights of privacy, publicity or portrayal in a false light.
- All participants in the competition conduct themselves cordially and must remain respectful at all times toward competition staff, judges, and club members.
- Entries must contain nothing obscene, libelous, or unlawful.
- The Writers Club may make minor corrective edits to any entry in preparation for publication.
- Decisions of the judges are final and may not be disputed.
- Copyright in the entry resides with the author. Entrants grant the Santa Monica Community College District and its Writers Club an exclusive license to publish any entry in a Writers Club publication (print, electronic and online) for three months from the date of first publication, and thereafter a non-exclusive license indefinitely to publish in any Writers Club publication, whether in print or online.
- These Terms and Conditions and all disputes, claims, actions, suits or other proceedings arising hereunder ("Disputes") will be governed by the substantive law of the State of California without regard to its conflicts of laws principles that might require a different result. You consent to (i) the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the State and Federal courts situated in Los Angeles, California for any Disputes and (ii) the exercise of

personal jurisdiction by such courts and agree to waive any right to plead, claim or allege that California is an inconvenient forum.

- You agree to indemnify, defend, and hold Santa Monica Community College District, Board of Trustees, officers, directors, student organizations, including its Writers Club, employees and agents harmless against any claims, demands, actions, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), arising out of or relating to your (a) breach or violation of these Terms and Conditions, (b) infringement, misappropriation or any violation of the rights of any other party, and (c) violation or non-compliance with any applicable law, rule or regulation.
- In connection with any awards ceremony or other event which you attend, either in person or through video, you grant to the Santa Monica Community College District, the Associated Students of Santa Monica College, the Writers Club and their successors, assigns, affiliates, agents, and licensees (collectively "SMC Parties") the irrevocable right to photograph you and to use, edit, reproduce, distribute, and/or display said photograph(s), and to use your name, likeness, and/or biographical and personal information, either alone or in connection with said photograph(s), for any educational or advertisement purposes, in any and all media or form of communication whether now existing or hereafter developed, including without limitation in all social media. You hereby grant permission to the SMC Parties to edit, crop, or retouch such photograph(s). You acknowledge that you do not own the copyright(s) in the photograph(s) and that you waive all claims to or interest in said photograph(s), and further that you will make no claim against the SMC Parties with respect to any rights of publicity or privacy that may arise as a result of the use of said photograph(s) by the SMC Parties.
- Entry in the competition is void where prohibited by law.
- If you do not agree with any provision of these Terms and Conditions, you should not enter the competition.

I hereby declare that each entry submitted in the Dreams Come True International Writing Competition is my own work. I have read all the terms and conditions and agree to them. I represent and warrant that I have the legal capacity to enter into binding contractual agreements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parental Consent for Students Under the Age of 18  
or Who Lack the Legal Capacity to Enter into Contracts**

The undersigned is the parent or legal guardian of the following minor child under the age of 18 or who lacks the capacity to enter into contracts:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Child)

I hereby declare that each entry submitted in the Dreams Come True International Writing Competition is the above child's own work. I have read all the terms and conditions and agree to them on behalf of myself and my child. I represent and warrant that I have the legal capacity to enter into binding contractual agreements on behalf of my child.

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Name (please print)

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Signature

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Date