

The God Uses Ink Novice Writing Awards 2008

The God Uses Ink Novice Writing Awards are designed to encourage never-before-published Canadian writers, including teenagers and young adults. Entrants from three age groups, 14 to 19, 20 to 29 and 30 plus years old, are eligible for a number of prizes. First prize in each age category is free registration to attend the Write! Canada conference, a value of more than \$300. Entrants may choose to address the theme "Tracing My Journey: Canadian writers share their stories" through articles, short stories, scripts or poetry. Entries must be received by April 18, 2008. All entrants will be mailed the judges' comments after the winners have been announced.

Details:

This contest is designed to encourage and recognize novice unpublished writers. For the purposes of this competition "unpublished" means you have never been paid for something you have written.

First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each of three age categories:

1. Ages 14 to 19
2. Ages 20 to 29.
3. Age 30 and up.

First prize: Registration for Write! Canada Christian Writers' Conference, June 12-14, 2008 in Guelph, Ont. (approximate value more than \$300)

Second prize: A \$100 gift certificate for The Word Guild (can be used for memberships, conferences, etc.)

Third prize: A \$50 gift certificate for The Word Guild (can be used for memberships, conferences, etc.)

Format: Open to fiction or nonfiction works, including article, short story, script or poetry.

- Must be typewritten or printed with laser or inkjet printer, prefer Times New Roman 12-point font
- Single-sided pages, numbered sequentially
- Double-spaced lines
- Margins of at least 1" (2.5 cm) at left, right, top and bottom
- Include cover page listing manuscript title, word count, author name

Theme: "Tracing My Journey: Canadian writers share their stories" (the theme of the 2008 Write! Canada Conference)

Maximum length: 1500 words

Qualifications:

1. entries open to those who are Canadian citizens or who have legal permanent resident status
2. entries open to all Christians who affirm the Apostles' Creed (see text below)
3. winners of previous God Uses Ink awards are not eligible to re-enter
4. one entry per writer

Entry Fee: C\$15.75 (\$15.00 plus GST). Make cheque payable to The Word Guild.

Entry Deadline: Entries must be received by April 18, 2008.

Complete the Entry Form and send to:

God Uses Ink Novice Writing Awards
Attn: Lorraine Williams
14 Sandpiper Key Way, Markham Ontario L6E 1B4
905-294-6482

Note: Entries become the property of The Word Guild and are not returned. Judges' comments will be forwarded to entrants after the winners have been announced. Winners will be contacted by The Word Guild. If the judges deem none of the entries in a particular category meet the criteria, no award will be given.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

* the whole or universal church - not any one denomination