

FRIENDS OF THE  
HOUSTON COUNTY LIBRARY



**POT OF GOLD ADULT (AGES 18 & OLDER)  
CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST 2017**  
For Houston County, TN Residents and surrounding TN Counties  
**GUIDELINES**

**Entry Deadline – April 17, 2017**

**Guidelines- Adult Categories**

Short Story Fiction – Maximum length 2000 words. One complete short story (no excerpts from longer novels or novellas)

Poetry – Maximum of 2 pages per individual poem. Two complete poems may be submitted as one entry, any subject or form. Maximum total of pages per submission is four pages.

**RULES:**

1. General formatting – Short stories must be typed, double spaced (for poetry, see guidelines above), in 12-point legible font (e.g. Times New Roman or Courier New), with margins set at 1 inch on all sides, with ½ inch indentations, and submitted as a .doc, .docx, or .pdf.
2. All entries should have a title on the top of the first page. Each following page should have the title at either the upper left or right corner of the page with the page number.
3. To assure confidentiality, **do not put author's name on the manuscript**. Author's names should only appear on the entry form.
4. All entries must be original and unpublished. (Being posted on an individual's website is not considered publication).
5. The story and/or poetry cannot have won in any other contests.
6. Only one prize will be awarded to a winner in any category. (Ex. if person enters 3 entries in fiction the person can only win one prize).
7. Submissions will be judged anonymously and the judges' decisions will be final.
8. Fee per adult category is \$2 for members of Friends of the Houston County Library and \$5 for non-members. Note: Contest fees are not refundable. (If paying with check or money order please make it to the **Friends of the Library**) Non-member entry fee of \$5 will enroll the participant in membership of

the Friends of the Houston County Public Library for one year and the second entry fee would be at the member rate of entry.

9. You may enter more than one category and submit more than one entry in each category. Each entry requires an entry fee.
10. All rules must be followed or the submission is automatically disqualified.

**People not eligible to enter:**

1. Head judge, judges, and the Coordinator of the *Pot of Gold* Writing Contests.

**Note: Winners will be notified in mid-May. The reception will be held in mid-June.**

**Winners:**

In addition to prizes in each of the categories, winners will be listed on the Houston County Public Library website, The HC Public Library Facebook Page, be published in the new Friends of the Library Literary Journal "*Pot of Gold*" and will be invited to attend a reception in honor of all of the winners. At the reception winners will be invited to read their story and/ or poetry if they so wish.

If you have any questions regarding the creative writing contest, please contact Sharon Wilson, President of Friends of the Houston County Library and Coordinator of the Creative Writing Event (931) 721-7458 or email her at [sharonwilson1976@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonwilson1976@yahoo.com) with the subject line: CREATIVE WRITING ADULT CONTEST.

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**ENTRY FORM**

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**Fee per Submission:**

- Friends of the Library Member Fee \$2 per entry
- Friends of the Library Non-Member Fee \$5 for the 1<sup>st</sup> entry and \$2 per each additional entry (the \$5 covers 1<sup>st</sup> entry fee and membership to Friends of the Houston County Library)
- Residents outside of Houston County would need to pay the non-member fee for 1<sup>st</sup> entry and \$2 per each additional entry (the \$5 covers 1<sup>st</sup> entry fee and membership to Friends of the Houston County Library)

**Deadline for Submissions:** April 17, 2017

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Writing Category Entered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Entries Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Submitted with Entry:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\* An Entry Form must be submitted with each entry. \*\*\*\*\***

**\*\* If paying entry fee by check or money order please make it to Friends of the Houston County Library\*\***