



### *Short Story Competition Rules and Regulations*

**In order to qualify for this writing contest, all participants must abide by the following rules and guidelines. Please pay close attention to these rules. We will only judge stories that meet our criteria and we do not issue refunds. We want to read your stories so we strongly encourage you to double check your adherence to our rules and regulations.**

1. All competition submissions must be between 1,500 and 3,500 words.
2. On the first page of your entry, include the word count along with your Utherverse member name
3. All entries must be written in English
4. Stories should be typewritten in a Word document and double-spaced
5. All stories must be original, unpublished, and not submitted or accepted anywhere else at the time of your submission.
6. The entry fee is 100R per manuscript submission if you have not taken the Workshop. Rays are payable to UtherAcademy. You may enter as many manuscripts as you wish provided that you pay the entry fee for each piece of writing, only ONE manuscript submission is permitted per Workshop attendee. Payment MUST be submitted at the same time as your manuscript submission
7. Entries must be submitted by May 6, 2013 at 5:00 pm PST by email to [academy@utherverse.com](mailto:academy@utherverse.com) with the email subject "Short Story"
8. Stories will be judged on the basis of originality, writing style, quality, and adherence to the contest guidelines. Please see "What we are looking for" for more specific details. The decision of the judges and the Readers Choice panel will be final.
9. There are no restrictions on genres, themes or ratings
10. All applicants must understand that their stories will be reviewed and read by many people for the purpose of judging.
11. Winners will be notified at the Award Banquet on May 22nd. We encourage all participants to celebrate with us at this event!

We would like to thank all participants in advance for following our rules and guidelines. We look forward to reading your submissions!

## What We Are Looking For

Each entry will be judged based on the following strict criteria on a numerical grading system. Each criteria point will be graded between 1-10 and given an overall numerical mark.

1. Adherence to the contest Rules and Regulations
2. Writing style
3. Spelling
4. Creativity
5. Originality
6. Where the story starts
7. How the story is told (Beginning/middle/end)
8. Central themes of the story
9. Clarity of the story's conflict
10. Descriptions (Do you *tell* or *show* us the story)
11. Overall writing quality
12. Overall interest level

### People's Choice Award

A panel of Uthervers members will be gathered to comprise the People's Choice panel. These members alone will be able to review all submitted short stories through a private web page. The People's Choice panel will be judging on Creativity and Entertainment values. Awards will be granted for the top People's Choice Non Fiction and People's Choice Fiction entries.

### Awards

#### ***Best Overall Non-Fiction***

- 500R Scholarship to any Department of Arts & Entertainment Course
- 3 month VIP
- 6 months of In World POOF
- 2 guest blog spots on UtherTales
- Story published within the UtherAcademy website and connected to the Department of Arts & Entertainment
- Professional Critique by the Workshop Educators

### ***Best Overall Fiction***

- 500R Scholarship to any Department of Arts & Entertainment Course
- 3 month VIP
- 6 months of In World POOF
- 2 guest blog spots on UtherTales
- Story published within the UtherAcademy website and connected to the Department of Arts & Entertainment
- Professional Critique by the Workshop Educators

### ***Second Place Non-Fiction***

- 300R Scholarship to any Department of Arts & Entertainment Course
- 3 months of In World POOF
- 1 month VIP
- Professional Critique by the Workshop Educators

### ***Second Place Fiction***

- 300R Scholarship to any Department of Arts & Entertainment Course
- 3 months of In World POOF
- 1 month VIP
- Professional Critique by the Workshop Educators

### ***Honorary Mention***

- 200R Scholarship to any Department of Arts & Entertainment Course
- Professional Critique by the Workshop Educators

### ***People's Choice Non-Fiction***

- 200R Scholarship to any Department of Arts & Entertainment Course
- 1 month VIP
- Story publishing with UtherTales

## *People's Choice Fiction*

- 200R Scholarship to any Department of Arts & Entertainment Course
- 1 month VIP
- Story publishing with UtherTales