

Chattanooga Writers' Guild  
2021 Spring Writing Contest  
Official Rules

Contest opens May 1, and closes: June 15 at midnight.

Winners announced: July 15

**Submission Fees:**

Early Bird fees (May 1-May 31):

CWG Member rate: \$5 per entry  
Non-member rate: \$10 per entry.

Regular fees (June 1-June 15):

CWG Member rate: \$7 per entry  
Non-member rate: \$12 per entry.

Payments accepted via PayPal through the link in the Google Form,  
or mail a check payable to Chattanooga Writers' Guild. Checks may be mailed to:

Chattanooga Writers' Guild  
2288 Gunbarrel Rd., Ste. 154-251  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

In the subject line, write "Spring Writing Contest" and the number of submissions you are paying for.

**Eligibility:**

Open to all writers 18 and older, living in the Southeast Tennessee/North Georgia region, or within 70 miles of Chattanooga, and all current members of the Chattanooga Writers' Guild, regardless of location. Your submission must have never been published (personal blogs are ok) and must be your own original work.

**Categories:**

- + Fiction
- + Creative Nonfiction
- + Poetry
- + Creative Culinary Creation: A food-related piece + recipe. For this category, we invite you to submit a complementary recipe with your food-related story or poem. (Recipes will not be part of the judging process.) If your piece is chosen for the CWG 2021 Anthology, your recipe will be published, as well! Photos of your dish are accepted but not required.

\*In the event of an insufficient number of entries in any category, CWG reserves the right to cancel that part of the contest and will refund entrants' entry fees.

## **Submissions:**

Submissions received only through Google Form provided:

<https://forms.gle/PZrukQdrVxaumLUR7>

We prefer you attach your document, but if you are unable, you may copy/paste inside the form.

Multiple submissions are allowed within each Google Form.

Payment is calculated by multiplying the number of submissions by the rate.

A contestant may return to the form and add more documents and submit additional payments.

**Your submission is not finalized until payment has been received.** You may pay by PayPal (link inside Google Form) or by check. All online payments must be made by midnight, June 15, and all checks postmarked by June 15.

### **Photos:**

Photos are encouraged to be submitted with the culinary entries and may be included in the anthology but are not part of the judging process.

Photos that accompany other submissions may also be included and may also be included in the anthology with winning entries.

## **Content:**

### **Length:**

Prose: 2,500 words max

Poetry: 50 lines or 500 words max.

### **Blind Judging:**

**The manuscript itself must be anonymous and not contain any personally identifying information.** Submissions that do not comply will be rejected.

Title at top of piece, in the file name and in the submission form

### **Other:**

Use Arial, Times New Roman, or another easily-read font.

## **Awards:**

Winners announced via Facebook, website, and newsletter on July 15.

### **Cash Prizes:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place in Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, Poetry, and Creative Culinary Creation each receive \$100; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners each receive \$50; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners each receive \$25; Total of Cash Prizes = \$700.

**Publication:** All winners receive publication in the CWG 2021 Anthology and all finalists are candidates for publication. Note: this award is contingent upon successful publication of the anthology. CWG reserves the right to not publish objectionable material and reserves the editorial rights for every piece.

All authors published in the anthology receive one copy mailed to the address provided.

Other Benefits: Winning entries are announced in CWG publications and promotions. Winners may be offered opportunities to present their work at CWG events.

**Legal Requirements:**

By submitting to this contest the contestant verifies that the submitted content is their own work, it has not been previously published except on their own blog, and that they own all rights to publish the work. The contestant grants to the Chattanooga Writers' Guild the rights to publish the work in announcements, promotions, and in the CWG 2021 Anthology. Contestant will be notified of publications.

Contestants accept the verdict of judges without slander of judges or CWG.

**Questions:** email to: [cwgwrite@gmail.com](mailto:cwgwrite@gmail.com)