

Can you tell a complete story in just 100 words? Submit a piece in any genre – fiction OR nonfiction – for your chance to win \$1,000 and be published in our magazine. The catch? We'll only accept works told in 100 words or less.

Deadline: October 6th, 2020

Grand prize: \$1,000 and publication in our magazine

Word count: 100 words or less

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PLEASE READ ALL GUIDELINES BEFORE SUBMITTING.

Guidelines:

- The submission period is from Aug. 25 to 11:59 EDT on Oct. 6th, 2020. Please note that the deadline is *eastern time*. If you are unsure when that would be in your time zone, we recommend using an online time zone converter, such as thetimezoneconverter.com. Every year, we receive emails from writers who waited until the last minute to enter and experienced a technical glitch or another emergency. To be safe, we recommend submitting *before* the final deadline to account for any problems. If you experience a technical problem or glitch, we recommend contacting Submittable directly at support@submittable.com. If you experience a non-technical problem or you have a question, contact tweditorial@madavor.com and we will do our very best to help you, but please read through ALL guidelines before emailing as your question may have already been answered.
- The entry fee is \$10 (including processing fees). All entries **MUST** be submitted through Submittable to be considered. **We cannot accept mailed or emailed submissions.**
- We encourage you to submit up to 4 multiple entries for a discounted entry fee, calculated based on the number of entries submitted. All entries must be submitted on the same transaction in order to get the discounted rate.
- You may choose to add on a critique of one of your entries for an additional \$15. Our critiques aim to show both your work's best strengths in addition to what might need improvement. If you submit more than one piece, our judging panel will critique the submission that we felt was the strongest overall. **Again, if you submit more than one entry and you add-on a critique fee, we will only critique *one* piece.** You will receive your critique in an email via Submittable once we close the contest and announce the winners. It takes a great deal of time to read all entries and craft our critiques, so please have patience with us as we work through our entries. Our critique times vary based on how many submissions we received and can take up to six months for our staff to process. **Please do not contact us about the status of your critique**

until May 28, 2021. It is our expectation to have completed all critiques much sooner than that date, but since this is the first time we've hosted this contest and cannot estimate how many entries we will receive, we want to give our staff ample time to craft thoughtful critiques. **If you need a critique sooner than that date, please do not purchase the critique option.**

- You may enter simultaneously submitted work. However, if one of your pieces is accepted for publication anywhere else, please withdraw your entry on Submittable and email us at tweditorial@madavor.com immediately so we know your story is no longer under consideration. We are not able to give refunds for contest entries that were accepted for publication elsewhere, so consider your options carefully before entering simultaneously submitted work.

- Do not submit any work over 100 words or it will be disqualified. (Your piece's title will not be included in the final word count.)

- **Please remove your name, bio, and any contact info from the file that you submit – including title page, header and footer.** This is a blind contest and your confidentiality is essential. Once we close the contest and determine our winners, Submittable will allow us to contact you via your account information. There is no need whatsoever to include your personal information in your document.

- **We prefer Word documents**, but we do accept some other file types (such as PDFs). We have no font, spacing, or margin preferences.

- Please do give your piece a title and make sure that title matches the name you enter in the Submittable "title" form. (Your title will not be included in the maximum word count). For multiple submissions, simply enter one of your stories' titles in the Submittable form.

- A blind reading of all entries will be conducted by our judging panel.

- \$1,000 and publication in a future issue of our magazine will be awarded to the winner.

- Although we very rarely do so, please know that we reserve the right to extend the official deadline as needed. Any deadline extensions will be announced via our newsletter, which you can subscribe to here: writermag.com/newsletter-2/.

- Close friends and colleagues (current & former) of *The Writer* staff and Madavor Media are not eligible to compete.
- All submissions must be submitted via our online submission form manager. Again, we will not accept mail or email submissions.
- All submissions must be previously unpublished. A work that has previously appeared on a blog or website is considered previously published and is thus ineligible for our competition.
- If your work is selected as a winner, we request first rights of publication in order to publish the work in our magazine. The copyright will always remain with the author.
- Entry fees are non-refundable.
- International (non-US) writers are welcome to submit.
- Must be 18 years or older to enter.