

# Wisconsin Writers Association

## 2021 Jade Ring Contest Eligibility & Manuscript Requirements

Contest opens on March 1, 2021 and closes on June 5, 2021

- Jade Ring entry categories
  - Fiction: including, short story, flash, novel excerpt, romance, mystery, humor, science fiction, fantasy, etc. Limit: 2,000 words.
  - Nonfiction: including article, essay, nostalgia, memoir, humor, self-help, etc. Limit: 2,000 words
  - Poetry: including any style or theme. Up to three poems may be submitted per entry. No poem may be longer than one page. Poetry entries may be single or double spaced.
- Eligibility for submissions
  - Open to anyone writing in English age 18 and older.
  - Only original submissions which have not been published in print, digital, or online (including blogs or social media) will be considered.
  - Simultaneous submissions are allowed but entries published or accepted elsewhere, prior to judging, entry will be disqualified. If entrant informs contest administration in advance of publication elsewhere, entry fees will be refunded.
  - Jade Ring Contest Administrators and Wisconsin Writers Association Board Members are not eligible to submit.
  - Jade Contest Administrators reserve the right to close any category that does not meet the minimum level of submissions in which case entry fees will be refunded.
  - If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact [submit@wiwrite.org](mailto:submit@wiwrite.org)
- Submission and Manuscript Instructions\*
  - Only online submissions and payments will be accepted.
  - One entry per category per person.

- All entries must be formatted to 8.5" x 11" paper with 1" margins, double-spaced (with the exception of poetry submissions which may be single spaced), and in a common serif font such as Times New Roman.
- Entries must be submitted as a Word document. PDF files and other file types such as Pages and Microsoft Works **will not be accepted**.
- Entries must include text only. Please do not insert photos, clip art, drawings, icons or any graphics within the Word document.
- This is a blind contest. **Author name should NOT appear on the submission**, either on the manuscript or on the file name. Author's name and contact information is captured in the submission form for contest administration.
- Title and word count must be placed at the top of the first page. Pages should be numbered.
- Word document file name must include the title of the entry submission + category + critique. (e.g.; **TaleOfTwoCities\_fict.doc.**). Please take care to make the title consistent on the Word document, in the submission form and on the file name. For example, do not title the Word document as "Tale of Two Cities" and title the file name Two Cities\_fict.doc. The file would be named TaleofTwoCities\_fict.doc in this example.
- Entries requesting a paid critique must include the word critique at the end of the file name; submission title + category + critique. (e.g.; **TaleOfTwoCities\_fict\_critique.doc**)

***\*Failure to follow these instructions will lead to disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees. The contest committee will be strict about adherence to the manuscript and entry requirements due to the amount of time it takes to process entries.***

- Publication rights
  - WWA reserves the right to publish winning entries on its website. First-place winners are expected to submit a brief biography and head shot for use in promotion of the Jade Ring Writing Contest.
  - WWA reserves the right for Jade Ring Writing Contest administrators to copy edit winning entries prior to publication on its website, in the Wisconsin Creative Anthology, and other partner publications.

**Special note:** please add [submit@wiwrite.org](mailto:submit@wiwrite.org) to your contact list to ensure timely emails that do not disappear into spam or junk folders.