Nick Adams Short Story Contest 2024

Guidelines and Information

DEADLINE: Friday, February 2, 2024 by midnight

1. Entrants must be enrolled students in good standing at one of the Associated Colleges, but need not be English majors or enrolled in an English course.
2. No more than two entries may be the work of one student.
3. Submitted stories need not be written especially for the contest, but stories cannot have been previously published on-campus or previously received finalist status in this contest.
4. Each manuscript is limited to 10,000 words. Electronic submissions only are accepted and must be received by the English department by midnight of the deadline (Feb 2) and must be in the following format:
   1. The cover sheet must have author's name, submission title, author's email, permanent address and WORDCOUNT.
   2. The submission must have the title only (not author's name) on each page of the submission.
   3. The cover sheet and the submission must arrive in separate documents and as PDFs.
5. Macalester English faculty will select four finalists to be sent on to the ACM office for further judging by Feb 9.
6. A two-member ACM faculty committee will screen the stories; approximately six stories will then be submitted for final judging by a notable author outside the consortium.
7. The winner of the contest will be announced in early April and will receive an award check for $1,000.
8. Note: The prize will be awarded only if the ACM final reader finds a story of sufficient excellence.