



# St. Louis Writers Guild Young Writers Awards

**It came from the fog...**

## Official Contest Guidelines

St. Louis Writers Guild has always believed in encouraging young writers. Throughout our history we have held contests for writers of all ages, and to continue that legacy we have created the annual St. Louis Writers Guild's Young Writers Awards. The contest officially opens on August 1, 2016 and will close on October 1, 2016. **Entries must be postmarked on or before October 1, 2016.**

Who is eligible? Any young writer may enter so long as they qualify for one of the two age groups. The young writers must be in 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade or 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades during the fall of the calendar year (2016).

## The Prizes!

There will be six winners for each age group!

Age Groups One – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade | Age Group Two – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

First Prize is \$50 | Second Prize is \$30 | Third Prize is \$20 | Three honorable mentions each receive \$10!

\*Other prizes may be awarded but are not guaranteed like the cash prizes.\*

## The Contest Rules!

Write an original story that begins with the sentence: **“It came from the fog...”** The story may be scary, adventurous, humorous, or just plain fun. Judging will be based on originality, cohesiveness, spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Your entry must meet the following guidelines to be eligible to win:

1. You may submit more than one entry, but the Official Contest Entry Form (see Reverse Side of this Document) must be stapled, not paper-clipped, to the front of each story you submit. A missing entry form for any story will disqualify that story. You may copy this form.
2. Each entry may not contain less than 250 words or more than 500 words. (Title doesn't count)
3. Each entry must begin with the line: **It came from the fog...**
4. Each entry should be typed or neatly hand-printed on white paper. If you type, you must use a standard 12-point black font. No fancy fonts or colored paper! Use black ink if you hand-print your entry. Print Neatly.
5. Do not include pictures with your entry.
6. Do not write your name or include any identifiable marks on the story pages.

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**Official Contest Entry Form for  
St. Louis Writers Guild's Young Writers Awards**  
Follow ALL the Official Contest Guidelines on the other side of this form.

A separate contest entry form must be attached to every story you send us. You may photocopy this form and print additional copies off the St. Louis Writers Guild Website at [www.stlwritersguild.org](http://www.stlwritersguild.org)

Mail your entry(ies) with postmark dated on or before **October 1, 2016** to:

St. Louis Writers Guild  
Attention: Young Writers Awards  
P.O. Box 411757  
St. Louis, MO 63141

Entries will not be returned, so keep copies before mailing.

PRINT NEATLY and be sure to fill out this form completely!

Name of Young Writer \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Title of story \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email (primary contact) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Young Writers Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

(please use if submitting as a class)

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I have read all the official contest rules and followed them. I promise that the attached story is my own fictional work and contains my own, original ideas.

Young Writer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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