FENCON Dallas/Fort Worth — Short Story Contest Entry

2007 FenCon Short Story Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____

Phone (day): _____ (night): _____

E-mail: _____

Story Title: _____

Check one:

❏ I **am** a member of FenCon IV and the Dallas Future Society for 2007.

❏ I **am not** a member and have enclosed a check or money order for **$10**.

❏ I **am** a member of FenCon IV but this is not my first submission to this year's contest and have enclosed a check or money order for **$10**.

I do hereby certify that the work of fiction submitted with this entry form is my own original work. I further certify that I have not previously sold any work of fiction (excluding poetry) of any length to any publication, print or electronic, for a professional rate as defined in the rules on the FenCon website at http://www.fencon.org/story.html I authorize the Dallas Future Society to publish all or part of this original work in the 2007 FenCon Program Book and on their website.

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Signature of Author

All entries must be received by July 14, 2007.

You must use a separate entry form, envelope and, if applicable, payment for each short story submission to the contest. Failure to comply with the rules of the competition may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any entry fee. Manuscripts may not be returned. Please keep a copy for your own safety. Mail your short story and this completed form to:

FenCon Short Story Contest
PO Box 701448
Dallas, TX 75370-1448

2007 FenCon Short Story Contest Guidelines

FenCon and the Dallas Future Society present our third annual short story contest. We're looking for a science fiction or fantasy story on any topic. The only limits are your imagination and the short list of rules below. Entry is **free for members** of FenCon and the Dallas Future Society and just **$10 for non-members**. Final judging will be done by top industry professionals and the winners will be published in our 2007 Program Book!

Prizes:

The **first place** winner will be awarded $50 plus a certificate, given a free FenCon 2008 membership, and the story will be printed in the FenCon program book. The **first two runners-up** will each be awarded $25 plus a certificate, given a free FenCon 2008 membership, and the stories may be printed (space permitting) in the FenCon program book. The **other runners-up** may receive acknowledgment in the program book.

Rules and Regulations:

This contest is open to all amateur writers, defined as anyone who has not sold a work of fiction of any length to any professional publication before July 14, 2007.

Entries must be science fiction or fantasy, **less than 5,000 words long**, and the original work of the person submitting them. No "fanfic" or shared-worlds fiction.

Entries *must* conform to the **Contest Submission Guidelines** and **General Manuscript Submission Guidelines** detailed below.

In all cases, the decisions of the judges are final.

Contest results will be announced at FenCon IV in Dallas, Texas, on September 21, 2007.

No person may submit more than three stories. No person may win more than one prize.

Contest Submission Guidelines:

On each page of your story, include **only** the PAGE NUMBER and your STORY TITLE, *not* your name and contact information, as described in the guidelines below.

Submissions not meeting proper manuscript format may not be included in the contest.

In addition to the required paper copy, you *must* include an electronic copy of your contest submission on CD or diskette in RTF (Rich Text Format). All major word processors will allow you to save a document as an RTF file.

You *must not* submit the same story to both the short fiction contest and to the writer's workshop. Any such entries will be disqualified.

General Manuscript Submission Guidelines:

- Use plain white paper. (Copy paper is fine, linen/bond is not required.)
- Print on only one side of the paper.
- Typewritten or computer-printed. Absolutely no handwritten entries!
- Begin your story, and all subsequent chapters, approximately 1/3 down the page.
- In the top left corner of every page, put the name of your story.
- In the top right corner of every page, put the page number.
- Double space your text. Indent paragraphs by .5".
- Margins should be at least 1" all around.
- You can italicize and/or bold text, when applicable, or underline it. These styles of indicating emphasis are acceptable.
- Use plain fonts. Preferred are Courier and Times (or Times New Roman).
- Use 10 point type for Courier, 12 point type for Times.
- Plain *black* text. No colored inks.
- Illustrations are not permitted. Text only, please.

If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail **storycontest@fencon.org**. Absolutely no contest submissions will be accepted at this address. All contest entries must be submitted only to the Post Office box listed in these rules. Submissions sent via e-mail will be discarded unread and the submitter may be disqualified from the contest.