

Minnesota Literature

ESSAY CONTEST GUIDELINES

Minnesota Literature is pleased to announce its Sixth annual Essay Contest. The purpose of the contest is to generate thought-provoking essays from a broad range of perspectives. We invite essays of up to 900 words on the theme of “**I changed my mind**” OR “**Fail better.**” If you choose to write essays on each theme they must be submitted separately.

ELIGIBILITY

Please review carefully. Applicants who do not meet all criteria will not be considered and should not apply.

- 1) *Minnesota Literature* staff and board members and their immediate families are not eligible.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Your application must consist of the following (incomplete submissions will not be reviewed):

- 1) A complete application form (you may photocopy it) or the equivalent information on a separate sheet of paper.
- 2) Three (3) copies of a typed manuscript on 8.5 x 11” white paper, single-sided and stapled in the upper left-hand corner. Please note: manuscripts will not be returned.
- 3) Manuscript must be double-spaced.
- 4) Maximum 900 words.
- 5) Your name must appear only on the cover sheet. It must not appear anywhere on your manuscript.
- 6) Submit a \$15 entry fee. Please do not send cash. All entrants will receive a one-year subscription to *Minnesota Literature*. Current subscribers will have their subscriptions extended by one year.

Send to: *Minnesota Literature*
3723 Glendale Terrace
Minneapolis, MN 55410
Attn: Essay Contest.

- 7) No e-mail submissions. If you are a winner, you will be asked to submit your essay in electronic form for publishing in an issue of *Minnesota Literature*.

SELECTION PROCESS

All entries will be judged by a panel of judges selected by *Minnesota Literature*.

DEADLINE (Extended)

Submissions will be accepted starting **September 1**, 2007 and ending at 4:30 p.m. on **October 15**, 2007. We will accept submissions at our table at the Twin Cities Book Festival on Saturday, October 13. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Winners will be announced in the December issue of *Minnesota Literature*.

PRIZES

First prize winner will receive \$300 in cash and prizes. Second prize winner will receive \$100 in cash and prizes. The third place winner will receive \$50 in cash and prizes. All winners will have their essay published in an upcoming issue of *Minnesota Literature*. All winners will participate in a reading in spring, 2008. Prizes will be distributed on that day.

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2007 ESSAY CONTEST APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ E-mail _____

Essay Title or First Line _____

Entry fee enclosed \$15 ___ current subscriber ___ non-subscriber

Please pay by check or money order. Thank you!