



International Society of Family History Writers and Editors Excellence-in-Writing Competition Rules For 2017

The International Society of Family History Writers and Editors is sponsoring its annual “Excellence-in-Writing” competition. This contest is open to members and non-members of ISFHWE, both published and unpublished authors. Members of ISFHWE will receive an entry fee discount. The contest has six categories:

Category I – Columns. This is for columns of original content, published on a regular basis, in any medium, published in 2016. Each entry must consist of 2,000 words or less. These are entries from the author’s regular column-not features. Note that these may be print or online columns.

Category II -- Articles. These one-time articles (not part of the author’s column) must have been published in 2016 a journal, magazine, newsletter, blog or website. Entries cannot exceed 5,000 words. Note that these may be print or online articles. Footnotes are not included in the word count.

Category III – Genealogy Newsletter. This category is for society or family association newsletters published in 2016. Entries should consist of **two issues**, each submitted as a single file in PDF format. The judging will be based on originality, content, visual appeal, writing and editing quality, and accuracy. The award is to the editor of the publication. These may be print or online newsletters. The once-a-year newsletters usually sent at Christmas do not qualify for this competition as two issues are needed.

Category IV – Unpublished Authors. Entrants in this category aspire to be published writers or columnists in the field of genealogy, family or local history. The submissions in this category are original and unpublished, between 500 and 2,000 words. Since these are UNPUBLISHED, blogs are not eligible for this category.

Category V– Unpublished material - Published Authors. This category is for original unpublished genealogically related articles by previously published authors. Entries should be between 500 and 3,000 words. Since these are UNPUBLISHED, blogs are not eligible for this category.

Category VI – Poetry/Song. This category is for original content (published in 2016 or unpublished), that is related to family history. Entries should be no longer than 1,000 words and have a Title.

Winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in each category will be awarded a cash prize and a certificate. Certificates may also be emailed for Honorable Mention. The awards will be announced in fall 2017.

Rules, judging information and entry form are available at: www.isfhwe.org

Judges may submit in category they are not judging. The contest will begin **1 October 2016**. There is a **discount** on the entry fee for **early** submission before **15 March 2017**. Entries must be **received** by the coordinator **NO later than 15 June 2017**. Entries must be submitted in PDF, Word, WordPerfect, or JPG format by e-mail in time to make this deadline. **Please note: Footnotes will not count toward word count.**

Send entries to:



ISFHWE Excellence-in-Writing Competition Coordinator
Competition@ISFHWE.org

Appropriate entry fee(s) and membership dues to receive the discount, may be paid via PayPal on the ISFHWE website at ISFHWE.org or by check mailed to:

ISFHWE Treasurer, PO Box 152987, Cape Coral, FL 33915

ALLOW TEN DAYS AFTER PAYING MEMBERSHIP DUES TO GET THE MEMBER DISCOUNT!

Now is the time to get out those articles and columns from 2016 and to finish those original genealogy articles. ISFHWE looks forward to rewarding excellence in genealogical writing.

Any questions contact Competition Coordinator at: Competition@ISFHWE.org