



The Africana Homestead 2004 Short Story Contest

The Africana Homestead 2004 Short Story Contest is a new event sponsored by Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers (AHLP). We have established this contest to support emerging, amateur writers in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, and to honor the legacy of African Americans and recent black immigrants who live in those states.

In each category we will award contest winners a cash prize and a trophy or plaque. Honorable mentions will receive a certificate. We will publish the entries of the winners and those who earn honorable mention in an anthology for release February 1, 2005. AHLP will also invite first, second, and third place winners to read their work at an awards ceremony in February 2005. AHLP and contest entry fees will fund the prizes. Each winner may earn only one major prize. If a winner has more than one submission, they may earn honorable mentions for their other works.

2004 Contest Rules

Categories:

CHILDREN (under age 12 on June 30, 2004)
YOUTH (under age 18 on June 30, 2004)
ADULT (age 18 or older on June 30, 2004)

Prizes:

CHILDREN First: \$75; Second: \$50; Third: \$25
YOUTH First: \$150; Second: \$100; Third: \$75
ADULT First \$300; Second: \$200; Third: \$100

Open to: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware Residents.

Entry Guidelines:

1. Short stories may be any type or style. The subject must be any aspect of the historic or present-day black experience in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, or Delaware. Entries must be the author's original work that is unpublished and not submitted elsewhere for publication or broadcast, not accepted elsewhere for publication or broadcast, and not entered simultaneously in any other competition. This includes previous versions of the short story.
2. Length of each entry must not exceed 7,500 words. You may submit as many entries as you wish with the appropriate entry fee.
3. You must print all entries single-sided, on plain 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Please double space. If your entry is more than one page, please number the pages and put the title of your short story at the top of all pages.
4. Send two copies of each entry. You must also submit one cover sheet with the author's name, address, phone number, and e-mail, and title of your submission. We will ask the winners to submit their biographical profiles. Winners will retain ownership of their copyright for any entry we publish.
5. We will not accept faxed or electronic copies. We will not return your entries.
6. The entry fee is \$15 per submission for adults and \$7 per entry for children and youth. You may pay by check or money order, in United States funds, payable to Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers.
7. AHLP will announce the winners in the first week of November 2004 and will post the names of the winners and titles of the winning entries on the AHLP website, www.ahlpub.com, by November 30, 2004. AHLP will notify winners of the contest results by mail.

Criteria: All judging is blind and the decision of the judges is final. They will judge entries on originality and the sense of writing craft shown in the work. Judges will be literary professionals from academia and the publishing industry.

Deadline: Your entry must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2004.

Send to: Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers, PO Box 2957, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, 08034-0265.

****Important:*** We will not consider entries that do not meet all terms and conditions of the contest. Please read and follow the rules carefully. Please specify your age-group category. The decisions of the judges on acceptability of submissions will be final. Please e-mail editors@ahlpub.com or call 856-220-4234 for additional information.