

Call for Entries!

“The Laine Cunningham Novel Award”

The Blotter’s Long Form Fiction Contest for Novella and Novel length works

1. The purpose of our contest is to provide a venue for writers to have their work read and commented on by our editors and judges. Additionally, the winner of this contest will have his/her work published here on these pages. And last but not least, the winner will receive the monetary prize of \$500.00. (Award monies are provided by the prize sponsor and the entry fee for the contest helps boost this lil’ rag’s ability to keep on truckin’.)
2. Our pre-reader judges are intelligent and highly proud of their educations. Our final judge is smart, well-read and mean as a snake. But we told her that she could be the final judge and what can you do?
3. Transparency is very important to us, and we make every effort to eliminate any conflict of interest situation from going down in our contest. In that light, Blotter volunteers and their family members and/or employees are prohibited from entering our contest.

To enter the contest, please submit your work with a \$25 entry fee by check or money order to: The Blotter Magazine, 1010 Hale Street, Durham, NC 27705.

Your entry must contain the following: no less than 10 pages, no more than 20 pages of the opening of your novel or novella, typed & double-spaced, without your name. On a separate cover page type your name, the title of your novel or novella and a one page synopsis of your novel or novella. Remember, you have to have the entire book written, so that if and when you want, you can show us the rest!

BONUS: Enter the writing contest AND get a year’s subscription to The Blotter for only \$30! (Regular annual subscription donations are \$25 total and you don’t even get to enter a writing contest with that price!)

Once again, first prize is \$500, plus a “library” of books selected by The Blotter (many signed by the authors). Second prize is \$125, again with a “library” of recent releases. Third prize will be just the “library.” All placements, including honorable mentions, will receive an award certificate, proof positive of your success as an author, suitable for mocking your sophomore English teacher, who always wondered how you graduated in the first place.

Our contest will be run in line with the rules of ethics and mechanics recommended by the Council of Literary Magazines and Presses, as outlined in their 2006 monograph on the subject. You can’t view for free, but you may purchase the monograph entitled “Publishing Contests: Ethics and Mechanics” through the CLMP at <http://www.clmp.org/about/monographs.html>. This is the document we have used in coming up with the rules and conditions of this contest.