



SCI-FEST L.A.
THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FICTION ONE-ACT PLAY FESTIVAL



Sci-Fest L.A. & Light Bringer Project Present

THE TOMORROW PRIZE

for Short Science Fiction by L.A. County
High School Students Writing Competition

ABOUT THE TOMORROW PRIZE

Los Angeles County high school students are invited to submit their short science fiction stories to THE TOMORROW PRIZE presented by Sci-Fest L.A. and

Light Bringer Project by 11:59pm on Monday, February 26, 2018. Four to six finalists will be chosen and their stories read dramatically by celebrity guests in a special performance at LitFest Pasadena on Sunday, May 20, 2018 followed by an awards presentation. First, Second and Third place winners will be chosen from the Finalists and all Finalists as well as the Honorable Mentions will receive certificates recognizing their work. Special prizes will also be presented by our partners, including The Green Feather Award by Los Angeles Audubon.

Sci-Fest L.A. and Light Bringer Project seek to nurture imagination, creativity and excellence in writing amongst Los Angeles high school students. Science fiction writing provides a unique opportunity for students to develop the ideas and narratives that will shape the future of humanity from how we address pressing scientific, social, philosophical, and environmental issues to inspiring us to develop new technologies and explore outer space. We are seeking narratives that are imaginative, original, thoughtful, well told, and well written.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- * Contestants must be currently enrolled in a Los Angeles County high school.
- * Students may submit up to two (2) stories.
- * Stories must be 1,500 words or less.
- * Stories must be typed and submitted as a Microsoft Word document.
- * Stories must include a cover page with the following information: Name, email address, and phone number of the applicant; applicant's high school; title of the story; story word count.
- * Students who wish to be considered for The Green Feather Award must indicate this on their cover page / their submission email. Stories are eligible for only one prize but stories submitted for The Green Feather Award will be considered for other prizes if they are not a Green Feather Award winner.
- * Stories must not have previous publication online or in print.
- * Stories must be original and must not be fan fiction.
- * Stories must be received by 11:59pm on Monday, February 26, 2018.
- * Stories must be submitted to TheTomorrowPrize@gmail.com.

PRIZES

- * First place: \$250.00
- * Second place: \$150.00
- * Third place: \$100.00
- * Special Prize - The Green Feather Award presented by Los Angeles Audubon: \$250.00 (see below)

Each Finalist and Honorable Mention will also receive a certificate of recognition and additional donated prizes from The Tomorrow Prize sponsors.

TIPS FOR STRONG SUBMISSIONS

- * Focus on telling an engaging story with strong characters, imagery, mood, tone, themes, etc.
- * While we appreciate a strong plot, this isn't always necessary. Don't be afraid to experiment with your writing style.
- * Know the difference between science fiction and fantasy - don't submit a story about magic. However, we do accept a broad range of science fiction genre types, including science fiction with fantastical elements. Feel free to contact the competition organizer with questions.
- * Read the competition description carefully. Think about what interesting themes you can weave into your narrative.
- * Polish your work - make sure to edit your story, correct errors, and improve your telling.
- * HAVE FUN! Don't over worry. Above all, have fun with your story writing. Write about what interests you.

ABOUT "THE GREEN FEATHER AWARD" PRESENTED BY LOS ANGELES AUDUBON

This award recognizes an outstanding science fiction short story by a teen author [or team of authors] that centers on overcoming today's environmental challenges. Strong entries will highlight the importance of ecology and biodiversity in some way, and we would be especially excited to see the local ecology, geography, culture, and environmental concerns of Southern California emphasized. We also recognize that issues of social and environmental justice strongly overlap with those concerning wildlife conservation, sea level rise, water conservation, climate change, and energy. Keeping that in mind, a story about a single neighborhood or school overcoming an environmental challenge would be just as valid as a story that tackles a much broader scale.

The winner will receive a \$250 cash prize and a one year Los Angeles Audubon membership.

Tips for strong entries:

- * Engage environmental issues as a lens for our future.
- * Consider exploring how life (especially wildlife, birds, plants) in Southern California might be different in a future time.
- * Explore positive outcomes - overcoming our environmental challenges instead of doomsday scenarios.
- * Show us what a better future environmental world might look like - climate change, energy use, species extinction/proliferation.
- * Make sure your work reflects great storytelling: strong characters; an engaging, interesting, original, and clear plot (though you can have fun experimenting with writing styles!); clearly science fiction; strong writing that's edited before submission.

Stories are only eligible for one prize. Stories not chosen for The Green Feather Award will be considered for other prizes.

"THE TOMORROW PRIZE" COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Each person submitting a piece of short science fiction ("Story") for consideration ("Applicant") by the Sci-Fest L.A. ad Light Bringer Project Tomorrow Prize for Short Science Fiction Writing Contest, operated by Sci-Fest, LLC and Light Bringer Project (the "Contest") acknowledges and agrees to the following Terms and Conditions:

1. The author of the Story must be a student enrolled in high school in Los Angeles County at the time of the submission. Stories must be typed and must have the Applicant's name, email address, phone number, name of their high school, title of their story, and story word count clearly typed on the title page. Stories must be original (not fan fiction), be no more than 1,500 words, have a science fiction theme, and be submitted to TheTomorrowPrize@gmail.com as an attachment in Microsoft Word document format. In order to be considered, submitted Stories must be received by the Contest no later than 11:59pm PST on February 26, 2018. All Stories submitted to the Contest must be written in English.
2. The Contest does not charge a fee for submission of Stories. Applicants may submit up to two (2) stories to the Contest.
3. Applicants who wish to be considered for a specially presented prize, such as The Green Feather Award presented by Los Angeles Audubon, must indicate so in their cover letter and email upon submitting their story. Stories are eligible for only one prize. Stories not awarded a special prize will still be considered for the other prizes.

4. The Contest will choose four to six Stories to be Finalists, as well as a several Honorable Mentions. Each Applicant whose Story is chosen as one of the Finalists will be notified via the email address provided to the Contest of such decision. The Finalists' Stories will be read aloud by well-known actors, including celebrities associated with iconic Sci-Fi TV shows, during a Dramatic Reading & Awards Ceremony to be held on May 20, 2018 at LitFest Pasadena. The winner of The Tomorrow Prize for Short Science Fiction will be announced at the above referenced award ceremony and receive a donated cash prize of \$250.00. A donated Second place prize of \$150.00 and a Third place prize of \$100.00 will be awarded, as well. Additionally, The Green Feather Award presented by Los Angeles Audubon, includes a \$250 cash prize and a one year Los Angeles Audubon membership. All Finalists and the Honorable Mentions receive certificates of recognition. The Contest's decisions on which Stories to designate as Finalists or the Winners and Honorable Mentions will be made in the Contest's sole discretion and are final.
5. Each Applicant represents and warrants that he or she has the power and authority to submit the Story(s) to The Tomorrow Prize, that the Story is an original work of authorship by him or her, and that neither any Story nor the submission thereof to the Contest infringe(s) upon or violates any rights of any third party.
6. Each Applicant represents that he or she has not published their Story(s) prior to the competition in print or online and that the Story (s) are not fanfiction. Once notified that they are not Finalists or Honorable Mentions, Applicants may submit their stories elsewhere.
7. Sci-Fest L.A. and Light Bringer Project have the non-exclusive right to publish the Finalists' and Honorable Mentions' stories up to one year after the May 20, 2018 Reading and Awards event.
8. Each Applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Contest, Sci-Fest, LLC, Light Bringer Project, their affiliates, licensees, members, managers, directors, officers, employees, judges, volunteers, agents, and attorneys, and their respective successors, assigns and legal representatives, from any and all manner of claims and/or proceedings arising from or related in any way to the Applicant's submission (or in the case of Finalists or Honorable Mentions stories, publication) of a Story or Stories to the Contest.