

## Clarksville Writers Contest:

### Contest Rules:

- Maximum of 3,500 words or a maximum of 10 double-spaced pages of unpublished and not-under-contract English-language manuscripts in the font of Times New Roman or Courier New with the font size of 12. Please do not go over the maximum word count unless it is mid-word or mid-sentence; then please complete the sentence.

*Submissions can include Action, Adventure, Comedy, Contemporary, Cozy, Historical, Investigator, Juvenile, Literary, Mainstream/Commercial, Mystery, New Age, Nonfiction, Sci-Fi/Fantasy, Short Story Collections, Southern Gothic, Supernatural, Suspense, Thriller, Western and Young Adult manuscripts, and any of their derivatives.*

- Self-published materials are considered already published materials and are not eligible for submission.
- Submissions will be accepted from August 15, 2023, through February 10, 2024. The contest committee will select the top 10 entries. The Head Judge—**Bren McClain**—will choose the top 3 finalists and, ultimately, the grand prize winner.
- \$35 fee per entry due at the time of submission (NO refunds); payable via PayPal to AHC. The link will be available on the website at [www.artsandheritage.us/writers](http://www.artsandheritage.us/writers) to make the payment.
- Multiple submissions are allowed; a separate submission fee is required for each additional submission and all of the submission fees will be due at the time of submission.
- Submissions should be emailed to AHC at **writers@artsandheritage.us**.
- The subject line of your email submission should include “Clarksville Writers Contest,” the year, and the name of your manuscript. Example:

*Clarksville Writers Contest 2024—Alice in Wonderland Remix*

- The submission needs to include 2 attachments per submission: a cover sheet with your name, title of your manuscript, phone number, address, and email address on it and a PDF attachment of your submission (no name or personal identifying information on the actual manuscript). **Please put the title of the manuscript as a header on the submission, but not your name.** Entries will be blindly judged by a panel of judges before going to the head judge; if there is identifying information on the manuscript, then the submission will be disqualified.
- If plagiarism is suspected, the submission will be disqualified.
- No handwritten copies will be accepted.
- The top 3 finalists will be notified via email or phone by one of the committee members between mid-March and mid-April 2024.
- The top 3 finalists will be recognized at the banquet, and the grand prize winner will be announced at that time. Prize baskets will be presented at the banquet. (The cost for the banquet is \$55, which is separate from the submission fee.) You do not need to be present to be a winner.

# **SAMPLE COVER LETTER FOR SUBMISSION PIECE**

Alice in Wonderland Remix

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