
THE CHESHIRE PRIZE FOR LITERATURE – TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It is important that you read these terms and conditions carefully before submitting your competition entry as by doing so you are agreeing to be bound by these terms and conditions. Entries that fail to comply with the entry rules and requirements set out in these terms and conditions may be disqualified.

1. What is the Cheshire Prize for Literature?

- 1.1 The Cheshire Prize for Literature is a short story writing competition (**the Competition**) for an original, fictional and previously unpublished short story of no more than 1,500 words.
- 1.2 The Competition is promoted by the University of Chester (**the Promoter**).

2. Who may enter?

- 2.1 You must be the author of the submitted entry and must have been born, live or have lived, study or have studied, work or have worked, in the historical or modern county of Cheshire. For the purposes of the Competition, Cheshire is deemed to include the Wirral, as well as Warrington and Halton.
- 2.2 Entrants must be individuals aged 18 or over at the time of entering the Competition.

3. Competition Entry Requirements

- 3.1 The Competition will run until 1 September 2018 (**the Closing Date**). All Competition entries must be received by us no later than the Closing Date. All entries received after the Closing Date will not be eligible for entry into the Competition and will not be considered.
- 3.2 Your entry must be in English, and must be an original, fictional and previously unpublished work of no more than 1,500 words. The entry must be entirely your own work.
- 3.3 Only one entry per person is allowed. If more than one entry is submitted, only the entrant's first submission will be considered. Entries will not be accepted in bulk or on behalf of anyone else. Joint submissions will not be accepted.
- 3.4 Entries can be submitted by email or by post (see paragraph 4 below on how to enter the Competition).
- 3.5 By submitting your entry you agree and warrant that:
 - you are eligible to enter the Competition;
 - your entry has not been published before;

- your entry is entirely your own original work and no part of it has been taken from any other source or material;
- your entry is a work of fiction and that you have not used personal details of any living persons in the work;
- your entry does not contain anything that is defamatory, obscene, unlawful, offensive, private or other unsuitable material. Entries must be suitable to be broadcast, published or used online by the Promoter for audiences of all ages;
- nothing in your entry constitutes an infringement of copyright or other intellectual property right, or breaches the rights of any third party;
- you have not and will not enter into any agreement or arrangement that affects the Promoter's ability to take full benefit of paragraph 7 of these terms and conditions; and
- you will indemnify and hold the Promoter harmless against all liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses (including but not limited to any direct, indirect or consequential losses, loss of profit, loss of reputation and all interest, penalties and legal costs (calculated on a full indemnity basis) and all other professional costs and expenses) suffered or incurred by the Promoter arising out of or in connection with any breach of the warranties given in this paragraph 3.6.

3.6 The Promoter will not accept Competition entries that are:

- completed by third parties or in bulk;
- does not comply with these terms and conditions;
- illegible or offensive, or
- incomplete.

3.8 Misrepresentative or fraudulent entries will be disqualified from the Competition.

4. How to Enter

4.1 Entry to the Competition is free.

4.2 To enter the Competition:

By post:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send three typed copies of your entry to: The Cheshire Prize for Literature University of Chester Parkgate Road Chester CH1 4BJ

together with a covering letter which should include your name and address, telephone number and/or email address and the title of the entry submitted. These details will be used only for the purposes of contacting the winner (and any runner-ups) and administering the Competition.

- As the Competition will be judged anonymously, it is important that you do not include your name or any other personal identifiers on the entry itself or contain any personal details about yourself in the work.

By email:

- Send your entry by email to: cheshireprize@chester.ac.uk
- Your entry must be attached as a Word document with a separate Word document attached containing a covering letter which should include your name and address, telephone number and/or email address and the title of the entry submitted. These details will be used only for the purposes of contacting the winner (and any runner-ups) and administering the Competition.
- As the Competition will be judged anonymously, it is important that you do not include your name or any other personal identifiers on the entry itself or contain any personal details about yourself in the work.

4.3 The Promoter does **not** accept:

- (a) responsibility for Competition entries that are lost, mislaid, damaged or delayed in transit, regardless of cause, (including, for example, as a result of any postal failure, equipment failure, technical malfunction, systems, satellite, network, server, computer hardware or software failure of any kind) that may limit or prohibit an eligible entrant's ability to participate in the Competition; or
- (b) proof of postage or transmission as proof of receipt of entry to the Competition.

4.4 By submitting your Competition entry, you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions.

4.5 Enquiries about the Competition should be directed to:

The Cheshire Prize for Literature

University of Chester

Parkgate Road

Chester

CH1 4BJ

Tel: 01244 511344

Email: cheshireprize@chester.ac.uk

4.6 Competition entries cannot be returned so please remember to retain a copy.

5. Judging and Announcement of Winners

- 5.1 Entries will be read and judged anonymously by a panel of judges chaired by William Stephenson from the Department of English at the University of Chester.
- 5.2 One winner will be selected by the judges from the entries received (plus any runner-ups which may be selected at the discretion of the judges) in accordance with these terms and conditions based on the following criteria: originality, plot, characterisation, relevance to theme, writing skill, use of language and enjoyment.
- 5.3 The winner's name will be announced at an awards ceremony on 29th November 2018 (**the Announcement Date**) and will subsequently be posted on the Promoter's website and social media accounts on 30th November 2018. The Promoter will not contact unsuccessful entrants, give advice or feedback on unsuccessful entries or enter into correspondence.
- 5.4 The judges' decision is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

6. Prizes

- 6.1 The first prize is £2,000 and there are runners' up prizes of £750 which are awarded at the discretion of the judges.
- 6.2 Prizes are non-negotiable and non-transferable. The Promoter will not be liable for any loss or damage arising out of a winner's enjoyment of the prize.
- 6.3 Winners (including any runner-ups) may be required to provide proof of their eligibility to enter the Competition before receiving their prize.
- 6.4 The Promoter is not responsible for contacting or forwarding prizes to entrants who provide unclear or incomplete information or for entries lost, misdirected, delayed or destroyed.

7. Ownership of Competition entries and Intellectual Property Rights

- 7.1 Subject to paragraph 7.2 below, you will retain the copyright in your entry (including moral rights) (**the Rights**). By submitting your entry to the Competition you grant to the Promoter an irrevocable, non-exclusive, non-terminable, royalty-free licence for the full period of copyright in your entry including all periods of renewal, extension and revival of the copyright; a right to use, reproduce, distribute, sell, exhibit, licence for publication and otherwise make full use of the entry in whole, partial or adapted form in all current and future editions of Short Stories from the Cheshire Prize for Literature 2018 (**the Work**), without limitation and irrespective of its form or media (including those yet to be envisaged), in the English language and in any translations of the Work (the Licence).

- 7.2 You agree not to exercise the Rights in such a way as to adversely affect the Promoter's ability to take the full benefit of the Licence.
- 7.3 The Promoter is under no obligation to publish your entry in the current or future editions of the Work.
- 7.4 By submitting your entry you agree that the Promoter may at its sole discretion revise, edit, adapt, abridge or translate the entry for the purposes listed in clause 7.1 above.
- 7.5 The Promoter reserves the right (but is not obliged) to publish entries (including parts of entries) other than the winning entries in the current or future editions of the Work. You agree and accept that publication does not mean that you have won a prize.

8. Use of Data and Publicity

- 8.1 Any personal data received by the Promoter will be processed in accordance with relevant data protection legislation. Winner's names will be published on the website.

9. General

- 9.1 The Promoter reserves the right to disqualify any entry which breaches any of these terms and conditions. Any changes will be published on the Promoter's website.
- 9.2 The Promoter reserves the right to amend these terms and conditions or cancel this competition at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, or if circumstances arise outside of its control. Any changes will be published on the Promoter's website.