



It's that time of year again, time for the Carrie McCray Memorial Literary Awards submissions! Below are the rules and deadline for the 2009 contest. Please read all the way to the end, where there is a special announcement about three SCWW members, along with a reminder about entries for The Petigru Review.

Until later this month, keep on writing!

Carrie McCullough, Quill Editor

Carrie McCray Memorial Literary Awards

Named in honor of one of the SCWW founding members, the Carrie McCray Memorial Literary Awards is open to all registered attendees of the 2009 conference. Please note several changes in this year's awards, including the elimination of one category and the addition of a reading fee. You may enter

one manuscript in each category.

Categories:

Short Fiction Word Limit: 4,000

Novel - First Chapter (s) Word Limit: 4,000

Non-fiction Word Limit: 4,000

Poetry Limit: 40 lines

Eligibility:

Work must be original and unpublished, except for works published in *The Quill*. First-place winners for 2008 are not eligible to submit in the category in which they won. Works submitted by faculty members are also ineligible.

Format:

All entries must be typed. Prose must be double-spaced. Each page should include the title and page number. Please submit four copies of each entry, and one cover sheet per group. The cover sheet must include the following:

- Manuscript Information - title, word count for prose, line count for poetry, and indicate if the submission is poetry, short fiction, first chapter/novel or nonfiction.
- Author Information - name, address, phone number, e-mail address
- **The author's name must NOT appear on the manuscript.**

Entrants failing to comply with the above guidelines may have their work disqualified at the sole discretion of the contest chair.

Prizes:

Prizes for each category of the Carrie McCray Memorial Literary Awards will be awarded as follows:

First Place - \$500

Second Place - \$100

An Honorable Mention certificate will also be presented.

Presentations will take place during the Friday, Oct. 23, 2009, dinner.

To Enter:

After you have completed the registration process, send four copies of each entry with cover sheet and \$15.00* reading fee to:

The Carrie McCray Memorial Literary Awards

Kim Blum-Hyclak

1315 Treetop Drive

Lancaster, SC 29720

* *This fee is per author, **not** per submission. Please make your check payable to SCWW.*

All entries must be received by **August 14, 2009**.

Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award Quarterfinalists

At least three SCWW members have made it to the quarter finals of the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award contest.

Amazon limited submissions to 10,000 during the first week in February and narrowed the semi-finalists to 2,000 then the quarterfinalists to 500 on March 16, 2009. **Mickey Burriss** and **C. Hope Clark** were selected in the categories of Historical Fiction and Mystery, respectively. Both are members of Columbia I. **Steve Gordy** of Aiken is also in the running, in the Historical Fiction category.

The semi-finalists are announced April 15 and the final three announced May 15.

Members can read samples of their submissions on the Amazon Web site: www.amazon.com/abna.

The Petigru Review update

Just a reminder that editors for *The Petigru Review* is still accepting submissions for the 2009 edition. For more information and guidelines, please visit <http://myscww.org/anthology.htm>.