

Poets & Writers

FROM INSPIRATION TO PUBLICATION

August 2009

Dear New Jersey Writer,

Poets & Writers, Inc. is pleased to invite you to apply for the 2010 Maureen Egen Writers Exchange Award.

Initiated in 1984, the Writers Exchange Contest was created to introduce emerging poets and fiction writers to literary communities outside of their home state, and provide them with a network for professional advancement. To date, 78 writers from 31 states have participated.

The winning New Jersey poet and fiction writer will be brought to New York City for an all-expenses-paid visit in October 2010. While they are in New York, Poets & Writers will arrange meetings for the writers with literary agents, editors, and prominent writers. Their visit will culminate in a public reading.

We hope you will review the attached guidelines, and, if you qualify, submit your manuscript to us.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Rose Marcus
Director, Writers Exchange

Maureen Egen Writers Exchange Award

2010 New Jersey

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

PLEASE REVIEW ALL GUIDELINES CAREFULLY—
INCORRECTLY SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Eligible Writers

New Jersey resident poets and fiction writers who:

1. Have never published a book, or;
2. Have published* no more than one full-length book in the genre in which they are applying, and;
3. Have resided in New Jersey for at least two years prior to the date they submit their manuscripts.

Writers may apply in the poetry and/or fiction categories (only one manuscript per category).

Writers may not be previous winners of contests sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc.

Finalists will be asked to submit verification of publications and residency.

Employees of Poets & Writers, Inc. are not eligible.

*Self-published books do not count.

Awards

One New Jersey poet and one New Jersey fiction writer will be selected. The names of the winning writers will be announced by April 15, 2010 on our Web site. Each winner will receive:

1. A \$500 honorarium;
2. A trip to New York City in October 2010 to meet with editors, agents, publishers, and other writers. All related travel/lodgings expenses and a per diem stipend are covered by Poets & Writers. Winners will also give a public reading of their work; and
3. One-month residency at the Jentel Artist Residency Program in Wyoming (optional, at writer's request).

Send contest entries to:

Maureen Egen Writers Exchange Award
Poets & Writers, Inc.
90 Broad Street, Suite 2100
New York, NY, 10004-2205

Manuscript Submission Requirements

Poetry manuscripts should not exceed ten pages, single or double-spaced (minimum of 7 pages).

Fiction manuscripts should not exceed 25 pages and must be double-spaced. Fiction manuscripts may include stories and/or excerpts from novels.

Published work may be included; however, no reprints from books or magazines are acceptable. Published work must be retyped to conform with the rest of manuscript and should not be identified as published work.

All work must be original and written in English; translations are not eligible. There are no restrictions on style or subject matter.

Manuscript Submission Procedures

Submit **five collated** copies of your manuscript. Your name or address should **not** appear anywhere on the manuscript.

Enclose a signed application entry form with your manuscript.

All manuscripts must be postmarked no later than
December 1, 2009.

If you want Poets & Writers to acknowledge receipt of your manuscript, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard.

Manuscripts will not be returned, and Poets & Writers can not assume responsibility for the loss of manuscripts.

Checklist

- _____ Five copies of the manuscript(s) are enclosed.
- _____ Contest entry form(s) are completed and signed.
- _____ Acknowledgement postcard (optional) enclosed.

Application

Section One

New Jersey Writer

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Telephone (Work) _____

Telephone (Home) _____

E-mail _____

Section Two

Manuscript

Poetry _____ Fiction _____

Manuscript Title _____

Number of Pages _____

Signature _____

Date _____

List titles of all Poetry or Fiction submitted. Attach an additional page if necessary.
