

Contest Guidelines

The C. Michael Curtis Short Story Book Prize is open to emerging writers in 13 Southern states who have never published a book. The winner will be awarded \$10,000 and publication in the Spring of 2019.

The inaugural judge is Lee K. Abbott.

Eligibility

You are eligible if you:

- Have not published or self-published a book in print or digital form (including novel, short stories, novella, poetry, memoir etc.) or have a book forthcoming before April 1, 2019.
- Must currently reside in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, or West Virginia, and have resided there for a minimum of 24 consecutive months. (Residency will be verified before prize winner is announced.)
- Are not affiliated with Hub City Press or Hub City Writers Project as a staff member or volunteer or as previously published Hub City author. Close friends, relatives, students or former students of the final judge are not eligible.

Submitting

- The contest opens August 1, 2017 and closes Jan. 1, 2018 at noon EST. We will announce the winner in May 2018.
- The manuscript must be between 140 and 220 pages and include no fewer than six stories.
- No more than three stories can have been published elsewhere.
- No story should be over 15,000 words in length. There is no minimum word count. Some shorter stories are anticipated, but bear in mind that this is not a flash fiction or micro fiction contest and that stories of a more traditional length of 1,500 to 8,000 words are expected to make up the bulk of the story collection.
- Do not include a bio or acknowledgements page with your manuscript since all manuscripts must be read anonymously by our readers, editors, and judge. Manuscripts should include one title page with the manuscript's title only. Manuscripts that do not adhere to this guideline will be eliminated.
- Simultaneous submissions of the the same manuscript to other publishers or contests are acceptable but please notify us by email (submit@hubcity.org) if your manuscript has been accepted elsewhere.

- While translations and manuscripts in languages other than English are not accepted, manuscripts that occasionally use words from other languages are perfectly fine.
- No revisions of submitted manuscripts will be allowed during the contest.

Online submissions are accepted only, at www.hubcity.org/cmcpriize. A \$25 submission fee must accompany each submission.