



GWENDOLYN BROOKS POETRY AWARD

EMERGING WRITERS COMPETITION

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Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the Illinois Center for the Book are pleased to announce the second annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition, Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award. This competition, named for the late award-winning poet and Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks, is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over.

The purpose of the contest is to promote creative writing, encourage local writers, and provide a unique opportunity and outlet for recognizing new talent. Illinois Poet Laureate Kevin Stein will be the final judge.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the winning entries — \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$100 for third place. In addition, the winning poems will be submitted for possible publication in *Ninth Letter Magazine*, *Another Chicago Magazine* and *Rhino* magazine.

ELIGIBILITY

- Competition is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over. Judges, officials, Secretary of State employees and Illinois Center for the Book board members, and members of their immediate families, are not eligible. Proof of eligibility is required.
- All entries must be original and unpublished. Persons who have previously published a book (other than self-published) are not eligible.
- All entries must be typed or word-processed, double-spaced and one-sided. Multiple page submissions must include the poem title and page number at the bottom of each page and must not be stapled or bound. Handwritten and e-mail submissions are not accepted. There is no minimum or maximum number of words.
- Only the title of the poem should appear on the first page of the entry. Other personal identification or contact information is not allowed on the first page or anywhere in the poem. Include a separate, unattached cover page with the title of the poem, entrant's name, address and phone number.
- Entries must be received by 5 p.m., June 30, 2006. Entries will not be returned, and the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book and Kevin Stein and are not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, illegible, damaged, misdirected, mutilated or postage-due entries.
- Entries not adhering to these rules will be disqualified. The judges' decisions are final.

ENTERING

Entries must be received by 5 p.m., June 30, 2006, and include the following items:

- Three copies of the poem, title page and cover page.
- Completed entry form.
- Check or money order for \$20 per submission payable to Illinois Center for the Book. Cash is not accepted. Entry fee is non-refundable.
- Signed copy of release form.
- Photocopy of valid Illinois driver's license or state ID card.

Please submit entries to:

Illinois Center for the Book

c/o Secretary of State & State
Librarian Jesse White

James R. Thompson Building

100 W. Randolph St., Ste. 5-400

Chicago, IL 60601

SUBMISSION AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

Entrant understands and agrees that the execution of this release is a prerequisite to acceptance of the entrant's submission to the Illinois Emerging Writers Competition, Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award, and in partial consideration thereof, entrant agrees to the following:

1. Entrant warrants and represents that he/she has retained at least one copy of the material and hereby releases the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book and Kevin Stein from any and all liability for loss of or damage to copies of the submitted material.
2. Entrant warrants that the submission is his/her original, unpublished material and understands that copies of his/her entry will not be returned. Entrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book and Kevin Stein, and the officials and employees thereof, from any claims brought by third parties alleging that the entrant's submission is not an original work.
3. Entrant understands that an independent panel of judges will determine the semifinalists, and the winners will be selected by Illinois Poet Laureate Kevin Stein, and that the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book and Kevin Stein are under no obligation to entrant whatsoever if his/her submission is not selected a winner. All judges' decisions are final.
4. Winners must sign and return affidavits of eligibility within 14 days of prize letter notification mailing date or the prize will be forfeited. All taxes on prizes are the sole responsibility of winners. All prizes claimed will be awarded.
5. Entrant acknowledges that he/she is at least age 18 and an Illinois resident.
6. Judges, officials and employees of the Illinois Secretary of State and Illinois Center for the Book, and their immediate families, are not eligible to participate in the competition.
7. Entrant hereby grants to the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book and Kevin Stein permission to quote from and/or release to the press and appropriate publications any or all parts of any award-winning poem that entrant submits to the competition. Entrant grants permission to the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book and Kevin Stein to use entrant's name and hometown in their respective publications and Web sites.
8. Copyright remains with the author, but the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book and Kevin Stein retain the non-exclusive rights to publish the winning entries in their respective newsletters, publications and in book form at a later date to benefit the activities of the Illinois Center for the Book.
9. Entrant acknowledges that the participating publishers are not obligated to publish the award-winning poems. Each publisher will make an independent determination as to whether an award-winning poem meets the publisher's criteria.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Name of Entrant (print)

Date

Street Address

Signature of Entrant

Telephone Number

City, State, ZIP



JAMES JONES SHORT STORY AWARD

EMERGING WRITERS COMPETITION

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Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White, the Illinois Center for the Book and the James Jones Literary Society are pleased to announce the first annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition, James Jones Short Story Award. This competition, named for Illinois novelist and short story writer James Jones, is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over. We gratefully acknowledge the generous contribution of the James Jones Literary Society in making this competition possible.

The purpose of the contest is to promote creative writing, encourage local writers, and provide a unique opportunity and outlet for recognizing new talent. Kaylie Jones, the accomplished writer and daughter of James Jones, will be the final judge.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the winning entries — \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place and \$100 for third place. In addition, the winning entries will be submitted for possible publication in *Downstate Story Magazine* and *Ninth Letter Magazine*.

ELIGIBILITY

- Competition is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over. Judges, officials, Secretary of State employees, James Jones Literary Society members and Illinois Center for the Book board members, and members of their immediate families, are not eligible. Proof of eligibility is required.
- All entries must be original and unpublished. Persons who have previously published a book (other than self-published) are not eligible.
- All entries must be typed or word-processed, double-spaced and one-sided. Multiple page submissions must include the short story title and page number at the bottom of each page and must not be stapled or bound. Handwritten and e-mail submissions are not accepted. Entries may be up to 3,000 words in length.
- Only the title of the short story should appear on the first page of the entry. Other personal identification or contact information is not allowed on the first page or anywhere in the short story. Include a separate, unattached cover page with the title of the short story, entrant's name, address, phone number and word count.
- Entries must be received by 5 p.m, June 30, 2006. Entries will not be returned, and the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book, the James Jones Literary Society and Kaylie Jones are not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, illegible, damaged, misdirected, mutilated or postage-due entries.
- Entries not adhering to these rules will be disqualified. The judges' decisions are final.

ENTERING

Entries must be received by 5 p.m., June 30, 2006, and include the following items:

- Three copies of the short story, title page and cover page.
- Completed entry form.
- Check or money order for \$20 per submission payable to Illinois Center for the Book. Cash is not accepted. Entry fee is non-refundable.
- Signed copy of release form.
- Photocopy of valid Illinois driver's license or state ID card.

Please submit entries to:

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c/o Secretary of State and State
Librarian Jesse White

James R. Thompson Building

100 W. Randolph St., Ste. 5-400

Chicago, IL 60601

SUBMISSION AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

Entrant understands and agrees that the execution of this release is a prerequisite to acceptance of the entrant's submission to The Illinois Emerging Writers Competition, James Jones Short Story Award, and in partial consideration thereof, entrant agrees to the following:

1. Entrant warrants and represents that he/she has retained at least one copy of the material and hereby releases the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book, the James Jones Literary Society and Kaylie Jones from any and all liability for loss of or damage to copies of the submitted material.
2. Entrant warrants that the submission is his/her original, unpublished material and understands that copies of his/her entry will not be returned. Entrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book, the James Jones Literary Society and Kaylie Jones, and the officials and employees thereof, from any claims brought by third parties alleging that the entrant's submission is not an original work.
3. Entrant understands that an independent panel of judges will determine the semi-finalists, and the winners will be selected by Kaylie Jones, the accomplished writer and daughter of James Jones, and that the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book, the James Jones Literary Society and Kaylie Jones are under no obligation to entrant whatsoever if his/her submission is not selected a winner. All judges' decisions are final.
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6. Judges, officials and employees of the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book and the James Jones Literary Society, and their immediate families, are not eligible to participate in the competition.
7. Entrant hereby grants to the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book, the James Jones Literary Society and Kaylie Jones permission to quote from and/or release to the press and appropriate publications any or all parts of any award-winning short story that entrant submits to the competition. Entrant grants permission to the Illinois Secretary of State, the Illinois Center for the Book, the James Jones Literary Society and Kaylie Jones to use entrant's name and hometown in their respective publications and Web sites.
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9. Entrant acknowledges that the participating publishers are not obligated to publish the award-winning short stories. Each publisher will make an independent determination as to whether an award-winning short story meets the publisher's criteria.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

Name of Entrant (print)

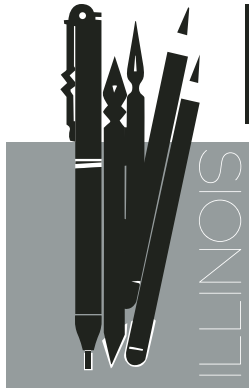
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Street Address

Signature of Entrant

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ENTRY FORM — Each original poem or short story must have its own entry form and fee.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Daytime Telephone Number _____

Evening Telephone Number _____

E-mail _____

Occupation _____

Title of Submission _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

- Completed Entry Form
- Entry Fee (check/money order)
- Signed Submission Release
- Photocopy of Driver's License or State ID Card
- Three Copies of:
 - Submission
 - Title Page
 - Cover Page