



The LAURA Short Fiction Awards 2022 CALL FOR ENTRIES

Open Exclusively to WWW Members

1st Place-\$100

2nd Place-\$75

3rd-Place-\$50

Enter your original, unpublished short fiction that is NOT contracted or under consideration for publication. Basic rules are as follows, but please reference The LAURA Award Contest Criteria, which is located on the WWW website, for complete details.

- ✓ Feature a female protagonist
- ✓ Set in the American West, i.e., west of the Mississippi River including Alaska and Hawaii
- ✓ Can include a past, present, or future setting
- ✓ 5,000 words or less
- ✓ Children, YA, or Adult accepted (there are no separate categories)

- The LAURA Short Fiction rubric, used by screeners to score entries, offers helpful writing guidelines. From the WWW homepage, choose the AWARDS tab, choose the dropdown tab The LAURA Short Fiction Award, and then scroll down to The LAURA Award Rubrics, which is located on the right.

THREE FINALISTS WILL BE JUDGED BY JOURNALIST, EDITOR, AND AUTHOR JILL HUNTING. FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PRIZE PLACEMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE OCTOBER 2022 CONFERENCE AND PUBLISHED IN THE WWW ONLINE LAURA JOURNAL. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S JUDGE, VISIT THE *WOMEN WRITING THE WEST* WEBSITE.

Entries will be accepted between March 1 and April 30, 2022
\$20 entry fee is payable at the WWW website
www.WomenWritingtheWest.org

If you have any questions, please contact The LAURA Coordinator, President-Elect Lynn Downey at writerlynnedowney@gmail.com