

LIGONIER VALLEY WRITERS

2021 Flash Fiction Contest Rules

Ligonier Valley Writers invites submissions to its sixteenth annual Flash Fiction Contest. **Submissions will be accepted electronically between April 15 and August 15, 2021.**

We are pleased to announce that, for the sixteenth year in a row, there will be **no entry fee** for this contest. The author of the **first-prize story will win \$50, second prize \$25, and third prize \$15.** Three Honorable Mentions will also be awarded. They will not receive cash prizes but will be published and read aloud with the other winners. All six stories will be copyedited by a professional editor. The authors of all six winning entries will also receive a one-year complimentary membership in Ligonier Valley Writers, valued at \$30.

If possible, winning entries will be read at various venues during the Halloween season of 2021. Winning writers will be invited to read their stories at those locations. Winning entries will also be published on the Ligonier Valley Writers website.

This year's topic is the evil twin or evil twins. In 1,000 or fewer words, tell us a story. And please, no poetry.

1. Please send your flash fiction story as Word file attachment to an email. Do NOT include your name on the Word document.
2. In the body of your email, include
 - Complete contact info: your name, street address, phone number, email.
 - Brief author bio: (50 words maximum).
 - Permission statement. (Copy the text below.)

Statement of Permission to Publish:

"I hereby grant Ligonier Valley Writers permission to read my story, [insert title of your story here], at various venues during the Halloween season of 2021 and a one-time right to publish the story at www.LVWonline.org. All rights revert to me six months after my story is published."

Signature _____ **Date** _____

3. Email your story to Anita Staub, contest coordinator, at anitagrillo@live.com. The subject line of your entry must include the words "LVW Flash Fiction Entry."

4. If you would like your story to be included in the LVW archives, include this second permission statement after your story:

Permission to Publish in the LVW Archives

I further grant permission to Ligonier Valley Writers to use my work listed in the statement above for online archival purposes until I rescind this permission. I retain all copyrights.

Signature _____ *Date* _____

You may choose not to give this second, archival permission. It will have no effect on whether your story is selected as a winner.

Your submission will be acknowledged by email from LVW within 10 days. If you do not receive acknowledgment of your submission, please email either anitagrillo@live.com or jgallagher@LHTOT.com to let us know.