



Annual Writing Competition

Inspirational Fiction & Nonfiction

\$5,000 Grand Prize

Tandem Light Press has been shining a light on newly published authors for the last three years. In 2016, we're proud to offer a writing competition to assist new and unpublished authors in achieving their publishing dreams.

Prize

The grand prize winner will receive up to \$5,000 worth of publishing services including:

- Author Coaching (if applicable)
- Editing
- Layout Design
- Cover Design
- Marketing/PR
- 25 copies of their published book

How To Enter

- We are accepting genres of both inspirational fiction and non-fiction. Your entry should leave the judges feeling inspired and empowered in some way. **Entries MUST contain a table of contents and the first three chapters, but should not exceed 10,000 words.** *Please note that while we will accept romance subjects, we will not accept pornography in anyway.
- Enter online or submit your entry via regular mail. Offline entries must be accompanied by an Entry Form, and the required entry fee (credit card information, check or money

order made payable to Tandem Light Press.). If you are entering more than one manuscript, you may mail all entries in the same envelope and write one check for the total entry fee; however, each manuscript must have its category indicated in the upper left-hand corner. You may enter online even if you are paying with a check. All checks will be cashed within 60 days of the competition final deadline. Entry fees are non-refundable.

- Your entry must be original, in English, unpublished* and unproduced, not accepted by any other publisher or producer at the time of submission. Tandem Light Press retains one-time nonexclusive publication rights to the Grand Prize winning entry to be published through Tandem Light Press. *Any piece posted online, anywhere other than a personal blog, is considered published.
- If you are submitting your entry via regular mail (NOT using the online entry form), the entry must be typed on one side of 8-1/2 x 11 or A4 white paper; all manuscripts must be double-spaced. The competition category and word count/line count must appear in the upper left-hand corner of the first page—otherwise your entry is disqualified. The first page should also include the entry’s title. As judging is blind, do not include your name, address, phone number, email address or other identifying information in the upper left-hand corner of the first page.
- BE SURE OF YOUR WORD COUNT! Entries exceeding the word or page limits will be disqualified. Type the exact word count (counting every single word, except the title) at the top of the manuscript.
- Mailed entries that are more than one page in length must be stapled.

Deadlines and Fees

Early-Bird Deadline: September 1, 2016

- Manuscript entry—\$25 for the first entry; \$20 for each additional entry.

Deadline: October 1, 2016

- Manuscript entry—\$30 for the first entry; \$25 for each additional manuscript entry.

Extended Deadline: October 20, 2016

- Manuscript entry—\$30 for the first entry; \$25 for each additional manuscript entry.

Additional entry discounts only apply to for each additional entry submitted during the same transaction/checkout. No matter the entry method, all deadlines are at 11:59 PM EST, on the specified date. The deadline at which time you are entering, is also the date that all related materials (when applicable) must be shipped. Mailed in entries/materials must deliver within five

days of the current posted entry deadline, as listed on the website at the time of your submission. For proof of delivery, please track your package with your shipper—we are not able to confirm individual deliveries. Mailed in entries can take up to 60 days (after the entry deadline) to process.

Shipping Address for Mailed Manuscripts:

TLP Annual Writing Competition
950 Herrington Rd.
Suite C128
Lawrenceville, GA 30044