

SWAG: A Crime and Mystery Fiction Short Story Contest for Teenagers

No entry fee • Submissions accepted from August 15-October 1

PRIZES: 1st Place \$250 2nd Place \$100 3rd Place \$50

Award presentation to be held on Wednesday, November 10.

The 1st place winner will be invited to the Saturday, November 13 Gala celebrating Elmore Leonard's life and achievements.

DEADLINES: Friday, October 1 – Submission deadline

Sunday, October 31 – The winners will be announced on www.elmoreleonardliteraryartsandfilmfestival.com

RULES FOR SUBMISSIONS:

- Writer must be ages 13-18 and currently enrolled in school.
- The submission must be the writer's own original, unpublished work.
- Submit entry as a Word attachment to website (see below).
- Submission must be in a mystery or crime genre and mention a metro Detroit area landmark, building, or locale.
- Only one submission per person no longer than 2,000 words.
- Format: Double-spaced, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman. Include your name, email, phone, school name and school's address at the top of the submission.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- Does the piece meet the mystery / crime genre?
- Does it mention a significant metro Detroit area landmark, building or locale?
- Does it excessively go beyond the story length of 2,000 words?
- Does it have its own style?
- Does the piece have few grammar and spelling mistakes?
- Does the piece develop a compelling story and interesting characters?
- Does the piece use the appropriate amount of mature subject matter?

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