



THE NORMAN MAILER WRITING AWARD FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

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*We tell ourselves
stories in order to
make sense of life.*

-NORMAN MAILER

The Norman Mailer Center and Writers Colony and the National Council of Teachers of English are pleased to invite submissions for the 2012 Norman Mailer Writing Award for High School Teachers. Full- and part-time teachers are eligible to enter the competition.

From five finalists, one winner will be selected to receive a \$10,000 cash prize along with travel* and lodging to attend the Norman Mailer Center's Annual Gala on October 4, 2012, in New York City, where the Mailer Prize and the Norman Mailer High School and College Writing Awards are also presented. The winner will also receive a fellowship to the prestigious Norman Mailer Writers Colony during the summer of 2013.

The competition is limited to works of **fiction**.

Entries will be accepted March 1–July 23, 2012, Noon CST.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Submissions will be read by national panels of teachers and will be judged by how well they achieve the following qualities: handling of image, plot, character, or other elements; originality; insight, voice, and style; and overall aesthetic, emotional, or intellectual effect. Stories that receive high ratings from the teacher panels will be submitted to a distinguished panel of authors selected by the Norman Mailer Center, who will choose the winning entry. Last year's judges included William Kennedy, Sigrid Nunez, Colum McCann and other accomplished authors.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Entries will be accepted online only and may include one piece of writing, maximum 20 single-spaced pages.

Apply online at <http://www.ncte.org/awards/nmwa>.

One winner and four finalists will be notified in early September. Results will be posted on the NCTE website: www.ncte.org.

*Funding for travel to the Annual Gala for the award winner is limited to coach airfare within the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. Teachers who live outside the US but work in American-accredited schools are eligible to enter. If the winner lives outside of the US, a \$500 USD payment toward travel will be allowed. Hotel/lodging at the awards event will be covered.

Norman Mailer Writing Awards are brought to you by:

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