

2023 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition Terms and Conditions

The E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition is an initiative of Family History ACT (FHACTION). Entrants will compete for the E.M. Fletcher Writing Award, named in honour of Society Fellow Eunice Fletcher, a long-time member who had significant input into the formation of the Society over many years. Applicants will need to complete **a separate entry form** with their contact details and submit this with each entry.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The 2023 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition is administered by the FHACTION Writing Competition Committee.
2. By entering this Competition, you agree to be bound by its Terms and Conditions.

COMPETITION DATES

3. The 2023 Competition opens at 9.00 am 15th February 2023 (AEDT).
4. The 2023 Competition closes at 11.59 pm 15th July 2023 (AEST).
5. Award winning entries will be notified by 1st October 2023.
6. No entries will be accepted after the Competition closes on 15th July 2023.

WHO CAN ENTER

7. The Competition is open to individuals over 18 years of age.
8. The Competition is open to residents of Australia.
9. Members of the FHACTION Writing Competition Committee and Competition judges are ineligible to enter.

COMPETITION THEME

10. The Competition will be judged to select, in the opinion of the judges, the best short story on a **family history/genealogy theme**. There is no limit on the genre of writing.
11. An inspiration statement is required. In 25 words or less share what inspired you to write the story. The inspiration statement should be included at the end of your story and will not be included in the word count.

PRIZES AND FEES

12. Prizes offered are: Best story - \$1,000; Runner-up \$500; and FHACTION member prize: \$100 society voucher.
13. Other prizes may be awarded at the judges' discretion.
14. An entry fee of \$20 for FHACTION members or \$30 for non FHACTION members is payable for each entry at the time it is submitted.
15. There is no limit to the number of entries that can be submitted but each entry requires **payment of an entry fee** and a separate entry form.

FORMATTING REQUIREMENTS

16. Word count for the short story is to be **between 1,500 and 2,000 words**. The word count does not include the title, page numbers and footnotes (if included).

17. References or sources are not required. It is the author's decision whether to include references or sources and these will not be deemed in the word count.
18. A **maximum of two images** may be included if they are **specific to the story** (i.e., not a generic illustration). Captions should be 10 words or less for each image and these words are not included in the word count. Copyright and permission to use the image is the entrant's responsibility to determine before the entry is submitted.
19. **Do not include the author's name** or any identifier within the story. Remember to include your name and contact details on the separate entry form.
20. The entry submitted must be in **English, double-spaced, in 12-point Times Roman font and each page must include the title and a page number.**

HOW TO ENTER

21. Entries can be submitted on-line through the FHACT website <http://www.familyhistoryact.org.au>
22. Electronic entries must be submitted as **PDF, MS Word, or RTF.**
23. Entries may also be posted to the Secretary, FHACT, PO Box 152, Jamison Centre, ACT 2614.
24. The entry fee must be paid at the time each entry is submitted.
25. All authors must provide their own name on the entry form for administrative purposes. If you would prefer your story to be published under a pseudonym, note it on the entry form.
26. Entrants will receive an acknowledgement of their submission.
27. Entrants must retain copies of their stories submitted and no changes can be made to any entry after it has been submitted. Entries will not be returned.
28. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that any postal entries are received by FHACT by the closing date, 15th July 2023.
29. Each entry must be the work of the entrant and must not infringe on anyone's copyright or be under contract at the time of entry. The story must not have been published previously, electronically or in paper, or entered in any other competitions where the outcome is still pending.

JUDGING AND AWARDS

30. Entries will be judged anonymously by independent judges selected by the FHACT Writing Competition Committee.
31. The judges may determine that a prize will not be made if the entries are not considered to be of sufficient merit or if insufficient entries are received.
32. All decisions made by the judges are final and no correspondence will be entered into. Prizes are awarded at the judges' discretion.
33. The award winners will be notified in writing and winners announced on the FHACT website.

COPYRIGHT, LIABILITY AND PRIVACY

34. Personal details on entry forms will not be shared by FHACT with any third parties.
35. Copyright in all entries submitted will always remain with the author. However, all authors give FHACT a non-exclusive, personal, and royalty-free licence to publish their entries for two years. There will be no payment (other than prize money) made to authors of published entries. On completion of awarding of prizes, the licence to publish shall be null and void in respect of every entrant other than the winner, the runner-up and the short-listed entries.