

The 15th Speculative Fiction Contest Official Rules

These are the Official Rules governing the Society of Actuaries' ("SOA") 15th Speculative Fiction Contest (Contest). In these rules, "you" and "your" refers to an eligible Contest entrant (Entrant). By entering, Entrants acknowledge compliance with these Official Rules including all eligibility requirements.

1. CONTEST ENTRY PERIOD

Submission period begins **Oct. 1, 2022, at 12:00:01 a.m.** Central Daylight Time (CDT) and ends Mar. 15, 2023, at 11:59:59 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) (Entry Period). You may enter the Contest by completing an entry form at [Speculative Spectacular Fiction & Art Contest \(wufoo.com\)](https://www.wufoo.com)

2. CONTEST GUIDELINES

Entrants must submit a story in accordance with the following rules:

- The story must include some sort of actuarial topic.
- The story must not exceed 6,000 words.
- Entrants must use their real name on the story for submission and for publication (if selected) and may not use a *nom de plume*.
- Submissions must be in English.
- Stories may be submitted in Microsoft® Word and PDF format.
- Entrant must provide name, phone number, email address, and the names and contact information for the co-authors, if applicable, on the entry form.
- Entries limited to one story per person.
- By submitting a story, you are agreeing to provide the SOA with the right to publish your story, in accordance with Section 7(b).

3. JUDGING

The 1st place and 2nd place stories will be determined based on the following content criteria: originality, creativity, writing style, and inspirational value to actuaries. The 1st place and 2nd place stories will be selected by Dr. Bob Mielke, Professor of English at Truman State University.

The Emerging Topics Community will select one (1) winning story for the most unique use of technology; one (1) winning story for the most novel prediction forming the basis for the narrative; and one (1) winning story for the most creative actuarial career of the future. The readers are invited to vote to select one (1) winning story for being the reader's favorite or People's Choice. Additional prizes will be awarded for (1) best first-time entry, (1) contest coordinator's favorite,

The judges' decision is final and binding. The judges reserve the right not to award any prizes if they determine that no submission is qualified. The judges reserve the right to modify the judging process.

4. PRIZES

There will be eight (8) prizes awarded in this competition: one (1) US\$400.00 prize for 1st place + professional literary critique by 1st place judge Dr. Bob Mielke + actor read audio version of the story; one (1) US\$300.00 prize for 2nd place; one (1) US\$150.00 prize for the "most unique use of technology"; one (1) US\$150.00 prize for the "best use of futurism methods"; one (1) US\$150.00 prize for the "most creative actuarial career of the future"; (1) US\$100 prize for "reader's favorite or people's choice"; (1) US\$100 "best first-time entry"; and (1) US\$100 for "contest coordinator's favorite." The winning stories will be determined on or about May 1, 2021. If the story has more than one author, the prize will be divided among the co-authors equally.

5. SUBMISSION RULES

Entries limited to one story per person. No purchase necessary to enter or win. Odds of winning depend on the number of Entrants. By submitting a story to the Contest, Entrant is verifying ownership of the story and compliance with the Official Rules. Entries cannot infringe upon any third-party personal or

proprietary rights. Any Entrant whose work contains elements not owned by the Entrant must be able to provide legal releases for such use, including Sponsors' use, in a form satisfactory to the judges.

6. ELIGIBILITY

Contest open to legal residents of the United States of America and Canada (void in Quebec). All employees of Society of Actuaries ("Sponsor") or any of their contractors or agents (all of the foregoing, together with Sponsor collectively, "Contest Entities"), and their immediate family members, are ineligible to enter or win the Contest. All Entrants must be members or candidates of the SOA, and in the case of a story with more than one author, all Entrants must meet this requirement. This Contest is void in Puerto Rico and all other U.S. territories and possessions and where prohibited. Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, provincial and local laws and regulations. Sponsors reserve the right to verify eligibility qualifications of the winner. Entries received prior to or after the Entry Period are void. Void where prohibited by law.

7. PARTICIPANT OBLIGATIONS

- a. By entering, Entrants consent to the use of their legal name, story, biographical information, photographs and/or likenesses for advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation (except where prohibited) by Sponsors for purposes concerning this Contest or succeeding contests and for publicity, special events and advertising purposes in connection with promoting the Society of Actuaries, the SOA's Actuary of the Future Section, Emerging Topics Community, the SOA website and/or this Contest or succeeding contests.
- b. By entering, Entrants grant the Sponsors a perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to publish, display, and reproduce their story in any and all media, in whole or in part, throughout the world for any purpose including commercial purposes. Entrants hereby grant the Sponsors permission to format their story for the Sponsors' purposes at the Sponsors' sole discretion.
- c. By entering, each Entrant agrees to defend, indemnify, release and hold harmless the Sponsors from and against any and all losses, demands, damages, rights, claims, injuries, actions and liabilities of any kind arising out of or related to Entrant's participation in the Contest. Any disputes that may arise hereunder shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to the conflicts of laws principles of any jurisdiction. Venue with respect to any such disputes shall be had in the state and federal courts of the State of Illinois. Sponsors' failure to enforce any term of these rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision. In any cause of action, the Sponsors' liability will be limited to two hundred dollars (US\$200.00), and in no event shall the Sponsors be liable for attorneys' fees and/or experts' fees and costs. By participating in the Contest, each Entrant waives the right to claim any additional damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, incidental or indirect damages.

8. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Personal information submitted to enter the Contest will only be used in the event you win the Contest, if there is a question or issue regarding your story or its content, and if there is an issue or news to communicate to you pertaining to the Contest. The personal information collected through this Contest is subject to Society of Actuaries' Privacy Policy, located at <http://www.soa.org/legal/privacy-policy>. By entering this Contest, you agree to the use of your personal information as described in the above Privacy Policy.

9. ADDITIONAL TERMS

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10. WINNERS LIST

The winners will be posted on the SOA website on or about May 1, 2023.

11. SPONSORS

The Sponsors of this Contest are Society of Actuaries' Actuary of the Future Section, and Emerging Topics Community, 475 N. Martingale Road, Suite 600, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

The Speculative Art Contest Official Rules

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13. CONTEST GUIDELINES

Entrants must submit in accordance with the following rules:

- Creative entries can take the form of (1) Creative writing in all forms other than narrative fiction such as poetry, screenplays, comics, graphic stories, etc. and (2) Art in any medium: such as digital graphics, photography, painting, sketch, sculpture, videos, music, etc.
- Videos and music are not to exceed 3 minutes.
- Written submissions must be in English and not exceed 3000 words.
- Entrants must use their real name on the submission form and any display.
- Written entries may be submitted in Microsoft® Word and PDF formats.
- Non-written entries must be submitted via a link (YouTube, SoundCloud, etc.) or as a document or photograph and must include a brief written description of 30-50 words.
- Entrant's name, phone number, email address, and the names and contact information for any co-creators, if applicable, are required on the entry form.
- Entries limited to one art submission per person.
- By submitting an entry, you are agreeing to provide the SOA with the right to publish, display, and reproduce your entry, in accordance with Section 7(b).

14. JUDGING

A maximum of 10 entries may be recognized as "Best in Show" based on the following criteria: originality, creativity, clarity of actuarial theme, and overall quality. These will be selected by contest coordinators and artistic actuarial volunteers.

The judges will select up to ten (10) "Best in Show" entries and members are invited to vote to select one (1) winning entry as the People's Choice.

The judges' decision is final and binding. The judges reserve the right not to award any prizes if they determine that

no submission is qualified. The judges reserve the right to modify the judging process.

15. PRIZES

There will be a maximum of eleven (11) prizes awarded in this competition: up to ten (10) US\$100.00 prize for “Best in Show” and (1) US\$100 prize for “People’s Choice” If the entry has more than one creator, the prize will be divided among the co-creators equally.

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