



**2015**

# **ANNUAL WORKSHOP**

***“The First Chapter”***

**ETWG Writing Competition**

**Deadline: June 5, 2015**

## Contest Rules

**AWARDS:** Eighteen ETWG Badges will be awarded as follows:

Ten Semi-Finalists

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners

Top Five Finalists



The badges can be applied to the author's book cover and website as well as used any way the author chooses to promote the book.

Book reviews will be written for the top three winners.

**NOTE:** Rules must be followed exactly and contest fees must be included for entry to be accepted. Please read carefully and use the check boxes to help you ensure completion.

### Entry Rules

Entries must be submitted no later than **June 5, 2015** by digital entry to:

[FirstChapter@etwritersguild.org](mailto:FirstChapter@etwritersguild.org)

**NOTE:** Neither ETWG nor any of its members or any judge is responsible for late delivery of entries or lost entries.

For each entry, a non-refundable fee of Ten Dollars (\$10) must be made to ETWG via PayPal on the same date as the author's entry is submitted.

### Category I: First Chapter – Published Work

Your entry must be the first chapter from a novel published between January 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015 to be considered eligible for this competition. Each author is limited to one entry in this category.

## Category II: First Chapter – Unpublished Work

- Your entry must be unpublished and not accepted for publication. Published online is considered published. If accepted for publication after work has been submitted to this contest, the author is responsible for contacting the contest committee to have the entry pulled from the competition. Each author is limited to one entry in this category.

**NOTE:** All genres are accepted. Each author is allowed one entry per category.  
A Ten Dollar (\$10) fee must be paid for each entry.

### FORMAT

- The chapter must be between 1,000 to 1,500 words. Any entry exceeding 1,500 words will be disqualified. Software used to prepare the manuscript must be Word compatible.
- Page Size:** 8 ½" X 11"
  - Spacing:** Double spaced
  - Margins:** 1" margins all around
  - Font:** Courier 12 pt (This is to assure accurate word/page count and fairness of competition. Use any other font and your entry will be disqualified.)
  - Header:** Each chapter page must have the title of the book and its genre in the header and a page number in either the header or the footer.
  - Cover Sheet:** Each entry must have a cover sheet containing only the following information centered on the page:
    - Title of Book
    - Genre
    - Author's Name
    - Complete Address
    - Telephone Number
    - Email Address
    - Word Count
    - Category (indicate either Category I or Category II)

**NOTE:** Submit only **one** cover sheet. Author's name should not appear on subsequent pages.

## JUDGING

**This is a blind contest.** Judges do not see the author's name or any other information about the author. No entrant knows the identity of any judge. Each story will be judged by three judges. The judges' decisions are final.