



# 2018 Prime Number Magazine Awards for Poetry and Short Fiction

January 1 – April 15

## GUIDELINES

**Deadline:** April 15, 2018. Entries accepted only through Submittable (<https://press53.submittable.com/submit>) your online submissions manager.

**Winners Announced:** No later than July 1, 2018

### How to Enter:

Submit one unpublished poem or story. Poems should be no more than three pages in length, spaced according to the poet's intended style. Short story should be 53 to 5,300 words, double-spaced in 12-pt. type with numbered pages. Writers may enter either or both categories. Multiple entries require separate reading fees.

**Reading fee** is \$15 per entry and is nonrefundable. Entries will only be accepted through Submittable, your online submissions manager.

### Final Judges:

**Poetry:** Terri Kirby Erickson, author of *Becoming the Blue Heron* and four other collections of poems

**Short Fiction:** Clint McCown, author of *Total Balance Farm* and the only two-time winner of the American Fiction Prize. The judging process is "blind," so author's name should not appear anywhere on or in the poem or story.

### Prizes:

**First Prize in each category:** \$1,000 plus publication in *Prime Number Magazine*

**Finalists:** A list of finalists will be listed online in the *Prime Number Magazine* (*Prime Number Magazine* is a Press 53 publication)

Open to any writer anywhere in the world whose entry is unpublished and written in English.

Writer is asked to withdraw the submission through Submittable should it be accepted for publication elsewhere. If entry is withdrawn, reading fee is nonrefundable.

The winning poem or short story must remain unpublished until it appears online in *Prime Number Magazine*, Issue 139, Oct-Dec 2018, otherwise the prize and publication will be forfeited.

Confirmation of entry will be sent via e-mail by Submittable immediately after submission.

An announcement of our winners and finalists will be sent to all entrants via email through Submittable, and posted on in *Prime Number Magazine*, Facebook, and Twitter no later than July 1, 2018.

Complete guidelines are available at [www.Press53.com](http://www.Press53.com) and <https://press53.submittable.com/submit>

Questions or concerns, other than technical issues with the submissions manager, please contact Kevin Morgan Watson, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief at [Kevin@Press53.com](mailto:Kevin@Press53.com)

