

# Recognizing Excellence in Family History Writing

## Rules for 2008

**The International Society of Family History Writers and Editors** is sponsoring its annual "**Excellence in Writing**" competition to recognize excellence in genealogical columns and articles. The contest is open to all members of ISFHWE, both published and unpublished authors.

Contest entrants must be members of ISFHWE. (Entrants may join ISFHWE at the time they submit their competition entries.) The contest is judged by professionals in the fields of genealogy and journalism. The contest has four categories:

- **Category I** - Newspaper Columns. This is for newspaper columns published on a regular basis, published in 2007. Entries must be shorter than 1,000 words.

- **Category II** – Articles. These articles must have been published in 2007 in a journal, magazine, newsletter, or web site. Entries cannot exceed 5,000 words.

- **Category III** - Genealogy Research Story. This category is for original, unpublished articles between 1,000 and 3,000 words. The articles should focus on the telling the story of genealogical research using one of these topics: "The Search for ,", "Sorting Out the Entangled Roots of...", or " Encounters with a Family Skeleton."

- **Category IV** - Want-to-be Writer/Columnist. Entrants in this category aspire to be writers or columnists in the field of genealogy/family or local history. The submissions in this category are original and unpublished, between 500 and 1,000 words.

*Ancestry Magazine* has again agreed to consider publishing the first-place winner in Category III.

Winners in each category will be awarded a cash prize and a certificate. The awards presentation will take place at the Gala ISFHWE Awards Banquet to be held at the National Genealogical Society conference in Kansas City, Missouri, 14 May 2008. (Those unable to attend will receive their awards after the conference.)

Rules, information and entry form are available at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cgc/contest.htm>

This year's contest coordinator and judges are ineligible, as are last year's first-place winners in their winning category. Employees and current contract writers for Ancestry.com or its parent company, The Generations Network, are ineligible to submit to Category III.

Entries must be RECEIVED by the coordinator no later than 15 February 2008. Entries must be mailed in time to make this deadline. Send entries (along with your check for the appropriate entry fee(s) and membership dues) to:

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Now is the time to get out those articles and columns from 2007 and to finish those original genealogy articles. ISFHWE looks forward to rewarding the excellence of its members.

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