



SHORT STORY COMPETITION - RULES

- 1 Closing date for entries is 07 March 2021.
- 2 Entrants must be over 16 years of age.
- 3 The maximum length of submissions is 1,500 words. If exceeding that the entry will be disallowed. There is no minimum length. Stories must have the title "*Breaking Point*" and are welcome in any prose style. (*The Breaking Point* is the title of a collection of du Maurier short stories, first published 1959).
- 4 Entries can be made online or by post. Entry forms can be downloaded from the festival website www.foweyfestival.com There is no geographical restriction on entry. The du Maurier Festival Society Adult Short Story Prize is open to everyone, whether they are based in the UK or outside the UK. All entries should be in English. Postal entries will only be accepted as printed typescripts. Required formatting is double line spacing.
PLEASE EMAIL ENTRIES TO chris@foweyfestival.com
PLEASE SEND POSTAL ENTRIES TO: Du Maurier Festival Short Story Prize, 6, St Fimbarrus Road, Fowey, PL23 1JJ Cornwall.
- 5 Authors may enter once only. There is an entry fee of £10. Payment for online entries can be made via bank transfer directly through your bank ensuring the reference code is used. Payment for postal entries should be made by cheque. Cheque payments must be in pounds sterling and cheques should be made payable to The du Maurier Festival Society. Each postal submission must be accompanied by an entry form which may be downloaded from the website.
- 6 Entries will not be returned. Please keep a copy. No corrections or alterations can be made after receipt.
- 7 Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must never have been previously published, in print or online (including websites, blogs, social network sites), or broadcast or been commended, long-listed or short-listed in another writing competition. Any entry found to have been plagiarised will be disqualified. Simultaneous submissions are welcome – but please let us know as soon as possible if a story is to be published elsewhere or has won a prize or been long-listed or short-listed in another writing competition.
- 8 Entries will be read and judged anonymously; the entrant's name should appear only on the entry form and not anywhere on the stories/manuscripts. The stories/manuscripts must be free of all personal information about the author. This includes age and address.
- 9 If you require acknowledgement of receipt of your postal entry then please enclose a stamped addressed postcard marked ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. Online entries will be acknowledged by email automatically.
- 10 Entry is £10, and any profits made from this competition will go into the du Maurier Festival Society Fund. Prizes are 1st £200 and 2nd £100.
- 11 Winners will be notified by 3 May 2021. Any prizes will be forwarded then to the winners. A formal presentation will be made at the next Festival, the details of which are currently uncertain due to Covid restrictions. The successful entries will be published on the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature website. The du Maurier Festival Society reserves the right to use the author's material in any related publicity during the period of the festival.
- 12 The Judge's decision is final, and no individual correspondence will be entered into. The judge or readers will not be able to comment on any individual entry.