

## **Middle School Graphic Fiction**

## **High School Graphic Fiction**

## **Adult (Post High School) Graphic Fiction**

- A separate Entry Form must accompany each submission. Entry Forms must be filled out completely. Please do NOT mount your work.
- You must submit your entry one of four ways:
  1. Hard Copy Sent USPS, UPS, FedEx, DHL or other delivery method:
    - Send (1) unmounted hard copy of each entry with completed Entry Form(s) to:

Comics Contest, Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive, C-2081, Kirtland, OH 44094-5198
    - Hard copies must be identified with the entrant's name applied on the back. Please do not write directly on the back of your entry—apply a self-adhesive label with the information to avoid "bleed through" of ink. This identification information must be consistent with that which is shown on your Entry Form(s).
    - Each hard copy must be a REPRODUCTION (B&W or Color) on a single sheet of 8-1/2" X 14" paper. No original artwork! Graphic Fiction is an art form that is reproduced and judging will include how well the piece works reproduced.
  2. Electronic File Sent USPS, UPS, FedEx, DHL or other delivery method:
    - Mail (1) CD-ROM or diskette containing one or more (up to five) entries with completed Entry Form(s) to:

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    - CD-ROM(s) or diskette(s) must be identified with the entrant's name. This identification information must be consistent with that which is shown on your Entry Form(s).
    - Each entry must be formatted to print on a single sheet of 8-1/2" X 14" paper. Entries will be printed using a standard desktop printer (color submissions will be printed in color). Specific printer or print setting requests will not be honored.
  3. Electronic File Sent Electronically as JPG, GIF, PDF, MIC or BMP formats:
    - Send (1) Submission and completed Entry Form as attachments as one E-Mail for each entry (up to five) to:

comics@academicventures.com
    - The attachments should be identified with the entrant's name. This identification information must be consistent with that shown on your Entry Form(s).
    - Each entry must be formatted to print on a single sheet of 8-1/2" X 14" paper. Entries will be printed using a standard desktop printer (color submissions will be printed in color). Specific printer or print setting requests will not be honored.
  4. Hand Deliver Submission At the Symposium Registration Table the morning of the Symposium:
    - Submit (1) hard copy of each entry printed on standard, white 8-1/2" X 14" paper. No original artwork! Graphic Fiction is an art form that is reproduced and judging will include how well the piece works reproduced.
    - Hard copies must be identified with the entrant's name applied on the back. Please do not write directly on the back of your entry—apply a self-adhesive label with the information to avoid "bleed through" of ink. This identification information must be consistent with that which is shown on your Entry Form(s).
- If you have any questions about meeting the above submission criteria, please contact Contest Officials as early as possible in your preparation. Submissions not meeting the criteria will be disqualified and Entry Fees will NOT be refunded.

Submissions in the Graphic Fiction category should be a sample of a page or two from a long-form graphic story, either intended to be serialized or published in book-length format.

Topic and tone may be of that of the creator's choosing but should clearly demonstrate the overall topic and tone of the overall piece – dramatic, adventure, educational, comedic, motivational, historic, and so forth.

Entries will be judged on overall design, copywriting, storyline, visual composition, ability to convey topic and tone, originality and development of characters, and technical proficiency.

Entries considered inappropriate for a general audience will not be displayed publicly and will not be eligible in the "Peoples' Choice" categories. Such decisions will be at the Contest Officials' sole discretion.

### **For More Information**

Please do not hesitate to contact Contest Officials at 440-356-8743 or E-mail [comics@academicventures.com](mailto:comics@academicventures.com).