

Annual Lakeland Community College Comics Contest

The Lakeland Community College Comics Contest is held in conjunction with the annual Lakeland Community College Comics Symposium – a jamboree of comic art enthusiasts gathering in an area of graphic fiction abundance and steeped in comics' history.

The Lakeland Community College Comics Contest ("Contest") recognizes amateur artists in various age groups for work in comic strip and graphic fiction.

At the 2009 Symposium, a panel of judges comprised of art teachers and industry professional will review entries and winners will be announced after the Symposium. Contest entrants need not participate in the Symposium. All entries may be displayed at the Symposium and Symposium participants may participate as judges to select an additional "People's Choice" winner.

ADVANCE SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 27, 2009 5pm

\$12 entry fee for first submission / \$8 each additional submission up to 5 total submissions.

DAY-OF-SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE: Saturday, April 4, 2009 9am

\$15 entry fee for all submissions up to 5 total submissions.

Creators submitting entries must not have received payment for use of the artwork, characters or storyline submitted.

Contest is not an art contest. Judging criteria include technical proficiency and visual composition, but story line, storytelling technique, characters, and other criteria specific to comics and graphic fiction apply.

Creators may be comprised of creative teams, much like the creative teams that produce comics and graphic fiction art.

Rules, Regulations & Submission Criteria

1. The Lakeland Community College Comics Contest is open to all amateur comics and graphic fiction creators; those creative teams and individuals not previously compensated for comics or graphic fiction endeavors (published or otherwise).
2. The deadline for advance submission entries is 5:00 PM, Wednesday, March 27, 2009.
All submissions must be received by this deadline at:
E-mail at comics@academicventures.com
Or mail to Comics Contest, Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Drive, C-2081, Kirtland, OH 44094

Entries received after the March 27 deadline will be considered Day-Of-Submissions.

3. Please take appropriate steps to ship your materials to arrive safely and without damage. Do NOT mount your work.
4. A separate Entry Form must be submitted with each item that you enter. You may make photocopies of the Entry Form.
5. Creators may submit a maximum of five (5) entries. An individual may submit five works of their own or a combination of entries as part of a creative team(s) and individual work or up to one submission from five creative teams in which he/she participates. Creators submitting more than five entries will have five entries arbitrarily selected for judging.
6. Advance submissions entries must be accompanied with a non-refundable entry fee of \$12 for the first submission and \$8 for each additional submission (up to five entries from an individual). Day-Of-Submission entries must be accompanied with a non-refundable entry fee of \$15 per submission (up to five entries from an individual).
7. Submissions for events will be judged in the following categories: Middle School Graphic Fiction, Middle School Comic Strip, High School Graphic Fiction, High School Comic Strip, Adult (Post High School) Graphic Fiction, Adult (Post High School) Comic Strip. Creators should accurately identify themselves as a member of one or these categories on the Entry Form, **based on their scholastic status at the time the submitted piece was created.**
8. No entry material will be returned and submissions may be included in the Comics Symposium's Permanent Collections.
9. Submission of your entry constitutes an agreement to abide by all the competition rules and regulations.
10. Creators understand anything in their submitted work that may be similar to anything anyone involved with the contest might be doing or do in the future is purely coincidental and waives the right to pursue action, legal or otherwise.
11. All decisions of the judges are final.
12. Specific criteria for each submission category are detailed below. Submissions must follow the criteria outlined. Contest officials will not place calls to entrants to request information omitted from the Entry Form or clarify information provided.
13. Contest categories may be adjusted and/or omitted and contest criteria altered if submissions exceed or fail to meet expectations.
14. 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.
15. All entries become property of Lakeland Community College Comics Symposium Contest. Contest will credit work where applicable but reserves the right to use entries on websites, promotional, gallery showings and marketing materials as the Contest determines.
16. Creative teams will receive an industry standard commission for any works sold during Gallery Showings of the Comics Symposium's Permanent Collection.