

MONEY FOR FUNNY!

ANNOUNCING

THE

2015–2016 SAMUEL LARUE FINLEY

HUMOROUS WRITING CONTEST

Prizes

Grand Prize \$300

Less than 500 words

Three Honor Prizes

\$100 each

500–750 words

Three Honor Prizes

\$100 each

The NAU School of Communication is pleased to sponsor this annual competition. The Finley contest is the only endowed humor-writing competition in the country and provides NAU students with a unique opportunity to receive recognition for writing humor.

Winners will be announced on Friday, April 1, 2016.

Contest Rules and Entry Forms are available under “Contests” at nau.edu/sbs/Communication/Student-Resources

Submit entries to:
Finley Humorous Writing Contest
c/o Northern Arizona University
School of Communication, Box 5619
Flagstaff, AZ 86011

All entries must be received in the School of Communication (bldg. #16), room 301, by

4:00 p.m., Monday, February 29, 2016.

If you have questions concerning the contest,
contact Thomas.Carpenter@nau.edu or call 523-8927.

SAMUEL LARUE FINLEY
HUMOROUS WRITING CONTEST
RULES

1. All contestants must have completed (or be currently enrolled for) not less than three (3) course units with Northern Arizona University between June 1, 2015, and March 31, 2016.
2. A contestant may submit no more than two (2) entries to the contest.
3. Each entry must be submitted as follows:
 - one (1) entry form, **fully completed**, for each submission
 - four (4) copies of each submission
 - Each copy must have a cover sheet stating the
 - a) title of the submission and the
 - b) approximate number of words of the submission.
 - The name of the author should NOT appear on the cover sheet or at any other place in the submission. (i.e. ONLY on the Entry Form)
 - Pages must be numbered in upper right corner.
 - The title of the submission must appear in the upper right corner of each page. The title may be abbreviated. (Example) "George Meets the Flying Pig" could be "George... 3"
4. Format:
 - Entries must be typed and double spaced on white paper.
 - Entries may be printed on both sides of paper.
 - Use a regular type face (such as Times New Roman 12 or Ariel 11, etc.)
 - That means no *script* or other **FANCY** fonts.
 - 1" margins on 8.5" x 11" paper
 - Use a staple (or 2) in the upper left-hand corner to hold each copy together.
 - Put the entry form and all four copies inside one large envelope.
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6. All entries must be received in accordance with Rule 3, above, in the administrative office of the School of Communication, Building 16, room 301,

no later than 4:00 p.m, Monday, February 29, 2016.
7. Entries will be judged as follows:
 - Subjectively – based on their humor (how funny are they?) and their originality.
 - Objectively – Appropriate use of basic English composition skills and following directions.NOTE: Egregious errors in spelling, syntax, etc., OR failure to follow Contest Rules and Requirements may cause entries to be disqualified or to lose substantial points.
8. In the case of a previously published work, the author must have all rights to ownership and publication.
9. If no suitable entry is received in a category, no prize will be awarded. Judges may also award duplicate prizes if they determine it is appropriate.
10. All decisions of the judges are final.
11. The winners will be announced on Friday, April 1, 2016.

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HUMOROUS WRITING CONTEST
(ENTRY FORM FOR 2015–2016)**

Name of Contestant _____ Student I.D. # _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ or e-mail address _____

Title of Entry _____

To be entered in category (select one)

_____ Short-Short (499 words maximum)

_____ Column (500 - 750 words)

If this work has been previously published, state when and where.

(Note: This will not affect judging in any way. This information will not be given to the judges.)

Publication Name:

Date published:

Contestant's Agreement:

If this entry wins a prize in any category, I agree to allow publication on the School of Communication web site and a one-time publication of this entry in a venue of the Samuel LaRue Finley contest committee's choosing. Following said publication, all rights revert to me, the author.

Contestant's Certification:

1. I certify that this is my own, original work, and that I have all legal publication and ownership rights.
2. I certify that I have completed, or am currently enrolled for, not less than three (3) course units at Northern Arizona University between June 1, 2015, and March 31, 2016.
3. I certify that all of the above is true.

(Signature required)

(Date)

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