

**2023–2024**  
**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, 2022, and March 31, 2024.
2. The blind judging is done by a panel of three faculty members in the School of Communication.
3. A contestant may submit no more than two (2) entries to the contest.
4. **Each entry must be submitted via email** as follows:
  - In PDF (be sure to save the entry form onto your computer).
  - A completed entry form is required for each submission.
  - Each entry must have a title page stating the title of the submission and the approximate number of words of the submission.
  - **The name of the author shall NOT appear** on the title page or elsewhere in the submission.
  - 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"
  - Entries must be typed and double spaced on white paper.
  - Use a regular type face (such as Times New Roman 12 or Arial 12, preferred).
  - 1" margins on 8.5" x 11" paper.
  - Your submission will include two pdf attachments: the completed entry form and your manuscript.
5. Submit entries to: **Thomas.Carpenter@nau.edu**

All entries must be received in accordance with Rule #4.

**No later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2024.**
6. 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.
7. In the case of a previously published work, the author must have all rights to ownership and publication.
8. 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.
9. All decisions of the judges are final.
10. The winners will be announced on **April 1, 2024**.