PSWA Writing Competition Application Form - 2026

Your name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Pen name (or other name you use professionally):_____

Your email address:_____

Backup email address (just in case): _____

Your address:

Street _____

Address line 2 _____

City _____ State/Province/Region _____

Zip/Postal Code_____ Country _____

Your phone number _____ Alternate phone _____

Preferred method of contact (pick one) ❑ Email ❑ Phone

Enclosed is my entry, titled: _____

If you are selected as a winner, please indicate the name you would like on your certificate (include any co-authors)

_____

My entry is published ❑ Yes ❑ No

My co-authors for this entry are: _____

Fiction category:

❑ Novel ❑ Short Story (less than 25,000 words) ❑ Flash Fiction (less than 500 words)

❑ PSWA 100 (100 words exactly, not counting title) ❑ Other: _____

Non-Fiction category:

❑ Technical Entry ❑ Non-Technical Entry

Other:

❑ Poetry ❑ Screenplay ❑ Other:_____

One entry enclosed @$30

The fee is $30 for the first entry and $20 for each additional entry. Each entry requires a separate form.

I affirm that this entry is my original work. By submitting, I confirm that AI tools have only been used in a limited, assistive capacity and that the work remains an authentic representation of my creative intent and voice.

Signature: _____

Date_____

Print this form, fill it out and mail it with your check made out to the Public Safety Writers Association.

Submit one copy of this form for each entry and send any copies of works to:

Public Safety Writers Association
Writing Competition
187 Alyssum Circle
Nipomo, Ca 93444

For entries that are published books, send one copy to Barbara M. Hodges at the address above.

For all other entries: Send a copy of the work in its entirety, attached as a file to an email, to: barbaramaehodges@gmail.com. Attachments should be in doc, .docx, or .pdf format.

Any questions about completing this form, please contact Barbara Hodges, Writing Competition Chair, at barbaramaehodges@gmail.com