

The Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference

Oct. 13-14, 2023

Personal Essay and Reported Narrative Competitions (Ten Spurs)

This competition is ONLY OPEN to conference registrants.

This entry is a _____ personal essay _____ reported narrative

Title of work: _____

Author name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, ZIP code: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone: _____

Your entry and signature on this form AFFIRM and ATTEST that the above listed entry is your own UNPUBLISHED, ORIGINAL work. INELIGIBLE works include previously published, self-published and electronic works.

Signature: _____

Entry information:

- Put your name on each page and number each page (using the header or footer).
- No more than 2,500 words (not including any reference listing on reported narratives).
- Document must be double-spaced with one-inch margins.
- Use 12-point font and a “plain” font such as Times New Roman, Calibri or Arial.
- The conference registration and entry fee MUST BE PAID before entry is accepted.
- Deadline to enter is 11:59 p.m. CST Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023. NO LATE entries accepted.
- Multiple entries are OK; however, each must have a paid entry fee and separate entry form.
- Submit each entry and its entry form in the same email to mayborncontest@unt.edu.
- In email subject line, put last name–contest–title. Ex: Smith–personal essay–The Long Road.
- In the body of the email, put your full name and contact information.
- If multiple entries, each entry and its entry form must be sent in a SEPARATE email.
- We will try to hold workshops this year, BUT WORKSHOPS ARE NOT GUARANTEED.
- If workshops are scheduled (in-person or online), information will be provided at that time.
- Late entries are not be considered for prize money but may be considered for a workshop.
- Questions? Contact Jo Ann Livingston, writing contest coordinator, at mayborncontest@unt.edu, joannlivingston@hotmail.com or 214-403-5853 (leave message).

As selected by the judges, the winners of the personal essay and reported narrative contests receive \$500 each. Up to 10 entries total will be selected for inclusion in the Mayborn’s annual anthology, Ten Spurs.