

27th Annual Orange Rose Contest for Unpublished Writers
Romance Writers of America – Orange County Chapter
Official Entry Form

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The Official Entry Form must be complete and must accompany the following:

- The manuscript
- The release
- The non-refundable entry fee

Payment (Check one)

Make checks payable to OCC/RWA or
Make a PayPal payment via
<http://www.occrwa.org>

- \$25.00, OCC/RWA Members
- \$35.00, Other RWA Members

Mail to: Lynn Nissen
Orange Rose Contest
1003 Banner Ridge Rd.
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

(Check one)

- Check enclosed
- Payment made by Pay Pal

<u>Contestant Information:</u>	RWA Membership #:
Name:	Phone Number:
Manuscript Title:	E-Mail Address:
Street Address:	City:
State:	Zip Code:

Entry Category (Check only one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Category | <input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream with Romantic Elements |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erotic Romance | <input type="checkbox"/> Paranormal/Time Travel/Fantasy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & Regency | <input type="checkbox"/> Romantic Suspense |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inspirational | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Title |

RELEASE

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN:

1. Entry in the Orange Rose Contest for Unpublished Authors constitutes agreement by the author/entrant to conform to all contest rules, and abide by the decision of the judges.
2. I(we) warrant and represent to RWA/OCC that I(we) am(are) sole owner(s) of, and have the exclusive right to the manuscript submitted hereunder and the copyright, free and clear of any liens, encumbrances, licenses, or claims of whatsoever nature; and
3. I (we) am(are) desirous of entering the Orange Rose Unpublished Writers' Contest and thereby receiving valuable judging and critiquing services provided hereunder of my(our) manuscript; and
In consideration for said judging and critiquing services, the undersigned agrees as follows:
4. To pay forthwith a non-refundable entrance fee of \$25 OCC/ RWA members; \$35 for other RWA members – Check made payable to OCC/RWA or pay via PayPal.
5. I (we) hereby release and discharge OCC/RWA, its board, its members, and its judges, and their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns from any and all rights, claims, and actions which the undersigned now has or may hereafter have against OCC/RWA, its board, its members, and its judges in regards to or arising from the said contest, judging and critiquing services, including the submitted work and covenants not to sue on any said rights, claims and actions.
6. This release is fully and voluntarily executed by the undersigned. The undersigned has read this release and the official rules of the contest and agrees to be bound thereby.

Signature _____

Date _____

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1. The Contest is limited to the first 150 Entries.
 2. Contest Deadline is April 10, 2010.
 3. Entry fees received after April 10, 2010 will be returned, and the manuscripts destroyed.
Send check, entry form, release and manuscripts to: **Lynn Nissen, 1003 Banner Ridge Rd., Diamond Bar, CA 91765.**
Make check payable to OCC/RWA . You may also pay through PayPal at our website www.occrwa.org
 4. Contest is open to any **writer** meeting the following criteria:
 5. Must be a member in good standing of RWA National.
 6. Has not published or been contracted in book-length fiction in the last five years.
 7. If one is accepted before June 30, 2010, entry(ies) must be withdrawn.
 8. Writer will be required to sign a statement confirming no offer for publication has been accepted.
 9. The entry must have a projected minimum length of 50,000 words. Categories are:

Contemporary Category Romance	Mainstream with Romantic Elements
Erotic Romance	Paranormal/Time Travel/Fantasy
Historical & Regency	Romantic Suspense
Inspirational	Single Title Romance (over 70,000 words)
 10. **Hard-copy entries shall consist of:**
 11. One title page with author's name, phone number, address, E-mail address (if available), manuscript title, category, projected length.
 12. FIVE copies each of a synopsis and beginning of unpublished manuscript (55 pages total maximum).
 13. A #10 standard business SASE with first-class postage sufficient for 3 ounces for return of preliminary score sheets in July.
(Check www.USPS.com for appropriate rate.) Manuscripts will not be returned and will be destroyed.
 14. A self-addressed stamped postcard for verification of receipt of entry, if so desired.
 15. **Electronic entries** – RWA members outside the continental U.S. **ONLY** may elect to submit their manuscripts electronically in .RTF format. Submit attached copy of manuscript along with completed entry form/release, title page (and payment via PayPal) to orangerose@occrwa.org
- THE TOTAL SUBMISSION INCLUDING SYNOPSIS SHALL BE NO MORE THAN 55 PAGES. ANY ADDITIONAL PAGES WILL BE REMOVED BY CONTEST COORDINATOR AND DESTROYED BEFORE JUDGING!**
16. Entries must consist of good quality copies, and be **formatted** as follows:
 17. Neatly typed on one side of white, 8 ½" by 11" paper, double-spaced (including synopsis). Readable 12 pt font such as Times New Roman, Courier New, etc.
 18. One-inch margins on top, bottom and both sides. Unjustified right margins.
 19. Header with manuscript title on left and page number on right.
 20. Prologue header should also state 'Prologue' after the title.
 21. Your name is to appear on the title page only. Do not put your name on your manuscript!
 22. Submit entry as loose pages only. Use SMALL binder clips to hold it together. DO NOT BEND OR STAPLE.
 23. Enter as many different manuscripts as you wish, but each manuscript may only be entered in one category.
 24. Each separate entry must be accompanied by an official entry form, a signed release and the entry fee.
 25. Preliminary judging will be done on a point basis, with all manuscripts judged by three published authors. The three scores will be averaged to reach the preliminary score.
 26. Finalists are chosen by their overall score, NOT by category. A finalist's manuscript must be among the top ten scoring manuscripts receiving a minimum of 82% of the possible points (a score of 136 or higher).
 27. Finalists will be announced July 10, 2010 at the OCC/RWA's monthly meeting.
These manuscripts will be read by two acquiring editors. Their scores will be averaged to determine the winners. Winners will be announced and awards presented to the top four scoring manuscripts on October 9, 2010 at the OCC/RWA's monthly meeting. Winners receive OCC/RWA's highly coveted Orange Rose Certificate and payment in the form of a check as follows: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$50, and 4th - \$25. Finalists and winners not in attendance will be notified by phone or E-mail.
 28. Failure to comply with any of the above rules will result in disqualification. The OCC/RWA's Board of Directors will resolve any disputes that may arise. Their decision will be final.
 29. The contest cannot be held liable for any failure of the delivery of entries due to the USPS, or your chosen method of delivery. Contact Contest Coordinator, Lynn Nissen, with any questions: E-mail: orangerose@occrwa.org or lnissenoccrwa@yahoo.com .