

# The 2018 ARC Science Fiction Writing Contest

The First Annual Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing Contest

**Deadline for 2018**—Friday, November 17, 2017

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION—PRINT CLEARLY

Your name:	
Address:	
City:	Zip:
Email (required):	
Student ID#:	
ARC writing teacher & class, if any:	

**Email is our preferred form of communication.** Please let us know if you prefer another form of contact, and keep us updated on any address changes.

Main phone:	Alternate phone:
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**Genre—Use one form for each genre!**

This submission is:

- Screenplay       Graphic Short       Short Story

Title(s):

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- I have provided the required copy of my work via email  
 I understand I must provide a hard copy of my work to be considered for publication.

**Submission Procedures (please read before submitting):**

1. Use one form for up to three short stories. If you want to submit two or more different kinds of writing, please use a separate form for each. **6000 word max per piece.**
2. In addition to your printed copy (not instead of), email us a copy of your work. We need Microsoft Word-compatible files attached to the email (not cut and pasted into the email). Please indicate your name plus "2018 SciFi Submission" in the subject of the email. Mail to [americanriverreview@gmail.com](mailto:americanriverreview@gmail.com).
3. Manuscripts will not be returned. Please give us a dark, legible copy that can be duplicated easily. Use separate submission forms for each genre.
4. All entries must be typed. Please double-space your entry.
5. Put your name on all pages and your phone number and address on page one. Number your pages.
6. Please do not staple them. Leave standard margins. Please use normal fonts.
7. Complete the form above and paper clip this form to the top of your unstapled submission. Place your hard copy of your work, UNFOLDED and UNSTAPLED, in a large envelope clearly marked SCIFI CONTEST.
8. Mail submissions to the address on the back of this form or put them in Professor Michael Spurgeon's mailbox in Davies Hall, English Area.

**Please Read Policies On Back Of This Form**

Visit our website at: [biblyman.net](http://biblyman.net)

For more information on the contest, contact:

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## Policy Statement—The ARC Science Fiction Writing Contest

Reviewed by The Literary Magazine Class American River College. Finalists judged by a separate panel.

- The ARC Science Fiction Writing Contest strives to recognize outstanding literary and artistic achievements by current and former students of the college. Those submitting should be currently enrolled or were enrolled any time (even if no longer) since the Spring 2016 semester.
- Please be patient waiting for the staff's and judges' response to your submission. We discuss every submission carefully and the process takes time. You should receive a letter of interest or rejection by the end of April.
- Deadlines and submission details are printed on the opposite side. Because of time factors, late submissions cannot be considered, but can be submitted the following year.
- To insure objective review, members of the staff must submit their work with an assumed name not known to the rest of the staff. All authors are welcome to submit with a pseudonym.
- NOTE: We will not consider previously published works.
- The staff may contact authors to suggest changes or ask for clarifications. Because we are a class studying the editing process, we hope that authors will share their time with us. We're excited to learn with you the process of improving writing. Except for changes in clarity (including corrections of spelling mistakes, unintentional grammatical errors, and punctuation errors), authors do their own revisions with or without the assistance of the staff.
- We ask those published to give us First Time Rights. This means that the rights to publish return to you after our publication of your work. In addition, we ask you for the right to reprint your material (*for school use only*) in the future. This may include printing in class handouts, publicity posters, potential anthologies, CD-ROM projects, and internet publications and use in readings, readers' theater, and magazine-related films. We ask for those rights now since it may be difficult to contact our authors and artists in the future.
- Your contest submission MAY be considered for publication in *The American River Review*, but a submission to the contest is no guarantee of an offer to publish; the selection for *The American River Review* is a separate process. The staff attempts to make its final choices for publication by May of each school year. However, for budgetary and aesthetic reasons, the editing process including additions and deletions may continue until the printing contractor actually prints the magazine in December. Authors will be notified in writing or through email after preliminary acceptances and again after final acceptances have been decided. Please keep us informed of address and email changes!

I have read and understand the policy statement regarding submissions to the American River Review. (Please sign and date below.)

Author's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_