



WOW! SUMMER 2007 CONTEST

JUNE 1ST—AUGUST 31ST

DEADLINE: AUGUST 31ST MIDNIGHT (PACIFIC TIME)

Prizes

1st Place: \$200.00

+ Goodie Bag, Published on WOW!

2nd Place: \$150.00

+ Goodie Bag, Published on WOW!

3rd Place: \$100.00

+ Goodie Bag, Published on WOW!

7 Runners-up: \$100 prize-pack, Published on WOW!

25 Honorable Mentions: Prize-pack

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PROMPT

Growing up your parents always tried to have an exceptional vacation during your summer break. Now your parents are older, and as a special summer vacation for your parents, you are going back home and tell them which one was your favorite, most memorable summer vacation of all. Which vacation did they give you that you treasure so dearly, and why?

Story slant: Geared toward women readers, light-hearted to funny, imaginative, creative—you get it--*original*.

THIS IS INTENDED ONLY TO SPARK YOUR IMAGINATION. Only stories that have the Prompt incorporated in them will be accepted. You may do this any creative way you would like, just make sure anyone would know you wrote your story specifically for this contest.

QUESTIONS?

Please send questions regarding the contest to contestinfo@wow-womenonwriting.com

WORD COUNT

Maximum: 500 Minimum: 250 The title is not to be counted in your word count. We use MS Word's word count to determine the submitted entry's word count.

SUBJECT

Type “Summer Contest Submission” in your subject line when you email your submission. Please do this to ensure that we do not miss the story that you will have worked so hard on.

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LANGUAGE AND SUBJECT MATTER

Grounds for disqualification: foul language, curse words, profanity or disrespectful content and no graphic or explicit sex or violence. We're looking for touching, or light-hearted to funny content.

CONTEST DEADLINE

August 31, 2007 at midnight, Pacific Standard Time. You can sprint like Cinderella at midnight, but you run the risk of having your story become mouse food. In other words, you worked hard on the story. Safeguard it! Act like the deadline is a day or so *before the deadline*.

SUBMISSION CONFIRMATION

Our Auto responder will thank you for submitting. It is not a clock-watcher nor does it check the calendar out. If your submission is LATE, we humans will note that fact and your story will be disqualified; but our non-prejudicial Auto responder will simply say thank you. The Auto responder does not have special pull in our office and cannot slip you in. If you are late—you will be disqualified. We repeat this often because WE DO NOT WANT ANYONE DISQUALIFIED.

DISQUALIFIERS

1. Turning in your submission LATE! That means that we would have received it AFTER midnight, August 31, 2007. If you read articles concerning increasing your chances of winning a writing contest, they will always include that you get it in early rather than late. Please take the expert's advice, including ours, because we have no desire to disqualify anyone's entry.
2. The storyline obviously has no connection to the Contest Prompt.
3. We will reject any submission that MS Word's word count says is less than 250 words or more than 500 words. THIS DOES NOT COUNT YOUR TITLE OR YOUR PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION, AT THE END OF YOUR STORY.

GUIDELINES

1. Writing Prompt gives you the storyline to incorporate in your story.
2. Your submission must be **Maximum: 500 words** and **Minimum: 250 words**. This does not count your title or personal contact information that you add at the END OF YOUR STORY.
3. You must type "**Summer Contest Submission**" in the subject line of your email.
4. The **Contest Deadline** is **AUGUST 31, 2007, at MIDNIGHT**, Pacific Standard Time.
5. Whet our appetite with a title. It will be the only thing typed above your story in the body of your email—where you are submitting your story.
6. At the END of your story, please type on the left hand side the following information:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Your email address, you may submit more than one to be on the safe side

- c. Your mailing address, please give us your street address--NOT P O BOX--we use UPS to ship prizes to the winners. They don't ship to P O Boxes--if you want to win and receive a prize, we need a street address.
 - d. Telephone number where we are most likely to be able to reach you.
 - e. Word count—this does not include your title, name or your personal contact information. We use MS Word's word count to verify the word count of your story. We will destroy your personal information after we no longer have any use for it. We will not share your information with any other person or company, or for personal or commercial reasons. Your telephone number is only important if we can't reach you any other way and have Congratulations and prizes to give you.
 - f. We publish the email address of the winners, UNLESS YOU SPECIFICALLY REQUEST THAT WE DO NOT DO SO, so our readers can tell you what a great job you did. We announce the winners of our contests on WOW! and in our newsletter. PLEASE REQUEST AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND BOLD, IF YOU LIKE, REQUESTING THAT WE DO NOT PRINT YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.
7. **WE DO NOT ACCEPT ATTACHMENTS.** Our Auto responder is polite and may thank you for your email. But, we still WILL NOT ACCEPT ATTACHMENTS.
 8. Use **Times News Roman 12** or **Courier 12**.
 9. **No html emails accepted.**
 10. The best way to submit your story is to **type your story in the body of your email.** Please read your story out loud from the email you have written. You will spot something—when you can do something about it—much easier than just skimming it. There are less problems this way and it will greatly increase our joy.
 11. Make your story tender-hearted, or light-hearted to funny. No foul language, cursing, profanity or disrespectful content, graphic, or explicit sex or violence accepted.
 12. We accept only one submission per title. We accept only one submission per email. Re-writes are not accepted. Again, our Auto responder graciously thanks you and we, on the other hand, disqualify repeats, even though they are re-written.
 13. Email your submission to: contest@wow-womenonwriting.com, no later than August 31, 2007, midnight, Pacific Standard Time.
 14. **The act of entering this contest constitutes an agreement between you and WOW!, that you agree to EVERY ONE OF THE 13 GUIDELINES and that you acknowledge pleading a case for not following these guideline will not move WOW! or our Auto responder to nullify the disqualification.**
 - a. In case of disqualification, remember the only serious mistakes are the ones we don't learn from.
 - b. Also, remember, we too will be sad over any disqualifications.

**LET'S HAVE FUN THE WRITE WAY! ENJOY WRITING AS MUCH AS WE WILL ENJOY READING!
THANKS FOR VISITING WOW! AND ENTERING (Y)OUR CONTEST.**

Ready

Set

Go!