

# CONTEST CORNER

## Searching For Science Fiction Writers

(NAPSA)—A unique contest could help aspiring writers and illustrators turn an important page in their careers. It gives authors and artists the chance to enter their own science fiction stories and drawings for a chance to be published.

A high percentage of past winners have gone on to successful writing careers and several have become New York Times best-selling authors. Winners have also gone on to publish over 300 novels and 3,000 short stories. Considering that just three out of every 10,000 manuscripts submitted in the United States each year get published, the contest may be just the boost a talented author needs.

Called L. Ron Hubbard's Writers and Illustrators of the Future Contest, the initiative is now in its 23rd year. This year's selected authors and illustrators are published in a book called "Writers of the Future, Volume 22."

Every quarter of a year, three writers and three illustrators are selected by a panel of leading authors and artists of science fiction and fantasy. Winners then take part in a weeklong, intensive mentoring workshop taught by contest judges. Past mentors have included such sci-fi greats as authors Anne McCaffrey, Orson Scott Card, Algis Budrys, Robert J. Sawyer, Tim Powers, Kevin J. Anderson and K.D. Wentworth and illustrators Ed Cartier, Frank



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Frazetta, Vincent Di Fate, Stephen Hickman, Ron Lindahn, Bob Eggleton and H.R. Van Dongen.

Winning authors and illustrators are published and win over \$30,000 in cash prizes and royalties. They also embark on a series of radio and TV interviews. Think of it as an "American Idol" for young authors.

A popular contest gives science fiction writers and artists the chance to be published. The contest was initiated in 1983 by L. Ron Hubbard to help science fiction writers and illustrators succeed. For more information on the contest or to buy the book, visit [www.writersofthefuture.com](http://www.writersofthefuture.com).