

# ANNOUNCING THE 31ST ANNUAL PALO ALTO WEEKLY

## CATEGORIES

ADULT

YOUNG ADULT (Ages 15-17)

TEEN (Ages 12-14)

Ages as of Dec. 31, 2016



## PRIZES

### ADULTS:

- 1st Place – \$500 cash
- 2nd Place – \$300 cash
- 3rd Place – \$200 cash

### YOUNG ADULT/TEEN:

- 1st Place – \$100 gift certificate
- 2nd Place – \$75 gift certificate
- 3rd Place – \$50 gift certificate

## ENTRY DEADLINE:

**Thurs., April 13, 2017 5 p.m.**

## CONTEST RULES AND ENTRY FORM

1. The contest is open to anyone who lives, works or attends school full-time in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Atherton, Stanford, Portola Valley, Woodside, Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, and East Palo Alto.
2. Limit of one entry per person.
3. **Strict word limit of 2,500 words; longer stories will be disqualified.**
4. **Submit four (4) hard copies of your story.**
5. Stories should have a title, but your name should not appear anywhere on the story (only on this entry form, which you must include with your entry, along with your entry fee.)
6. Stories should be printed double-spaced with text in 12-point Times Roman font. Copies should be stapled (not paper-clipped) and should not include any artwork.
7. \$20 entry fee for all ADULT stories; \$10 entry fee for YOUNG WRITERS under 18. Make checks payable to "Palo Alto Weekly."
8. Entries may not have been previously published.
9. Signed entry form must accompany story.
10. Children under age 12 may enter the contest and will be judged in the 12-14 age category.
11. Preliminary screening of all entries is done by experienced local writers prior to semi-finalists being sent to the contest judges.

### Mail or deliver entries to:

Palo Alto Weekly Short Story Contest,  
450 Cambridge Ave., Palo Alto 94306

Questions: [shortstory@paweekly.com](mailto:shortstory@paweekly.com)



Category:  Adult  Age 15-17  Age 12-14  
(Ages as of 12/31/2016)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School or Work location: \_\_\_\_\_

Story Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exact Word Count** \_\_\_\_\_ \*must be filled in to enter

*This story is my original work and I received no assistance writing it. It complies with all the rules above. I understand the Palo Alto Weekly reserves first publishing and online rights to winning entries. Judges decisions are final. Palo Alto Weekly employees, freelancers and their immediate relatives are not eligible to win. Stories cannot be returned.*

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Author's Signature

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Date