



“THE TOMORROW PRIZE” & “THE GREEN FEATHER AWARD” TERMS & CONDITIONS

Each person submitting a piece of short science fiction (“Story”) for consideration (“Applicant”) under Light Bringer Project’s Omega SciFi Project award categories: The Tomorrow Prize and The Green Feather Award for Short Science Fiction Writing Contest, operated by Light Bringer Project and by Sci Fest, LLC (the “Contest”), acknowledges and agrees to the following Terms and Conditions:

1. The author of the Story must be a student enrolled in high school in Los Angeles County at the time of the submission. Applicants should fill out the official story submission form, which includes the Applicant’s name, email address, mailing address, phone number; high school and teacher; the title of their story; whether they wish to be considered for the special prize (The Green Feather Award); and story word count. Stories must be original (not fan fiction), be no less than 500 words and no more than 1,500 words, have a science fiction theme, and be submitted through the official submission form. In order to be considered, submitted Stories must be received by the Contest no later than 11:59 p.m. PST on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024. All Stories submitted to the Contest must be written in English.
2. The Contest does not charge a fee for submission of Stories. Applicants may submit up to two (2) stories to the Contest.
3. Applicants who wish to be considered for The Green Feather Award co-presented by the Nature Nexus Institute must indicate so in their submission form. Stories are eligible for only one prize. Stories not awarded The Green Feather Award will still be considered for The Tomorrow Prize award categories.
4. The Contest will choose four to six Tomorrow Prize stories to be Finalists, one Green Feather Award winner, and several Honorable Mentions under both The Tomorrow Prize and The Green Feather Award. Each Applicant whose Story is chosen as one of The Tomorrow Prize Finalists or as The Green Feather Award winner will be notified via the email address provided to the Contest of such decision. The Finalists’ Stories will be read aloud by well-known actors, including celebrities associated with iconic Sci-Fi TV shows, during a Reading and Awards event scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2024. The winners of The Tomorrow Prize for Short Science Fiction will be announced at the above-referenced award ceremony and receive donated cash prizes: A First Place prize of \$250.00, a Second Place prize of \$150.00, and a Third Place prize of \$100.00 will be awarded. The first-place winner will also receive an *L.A. Parent Magazine* publication online (in full) and in print (excerpt). Additionally, The Green Feather Award presented by Nature Nexus Institute, includes a \$250 cash prize and online publication. All Finalists and the Honorable Mentions will receive certificates of recognition at the Reading and Awards event. The Contest’s decisions on which Stories to designate as Finalists or Winners and Honorable Mentions will be made at the Contest’s sole discretion and are final.

5. Each Applicant represents and warrants that they have the power and authority to submit the Story(s) to The Tomorrow Prize and The Green Feather Award, that the Story is an original work of authorship by them, and that neither any Story nor the submission thereof to the Contest infringe(s) upon or violates any rights of any third party.

6. Each Applicant represents that they have not published their Story(s) prior to the competition in print or online and that the Story (s) are wholly original and not transformative of an existing media property, and are not fanfiction. Once notified that they are not Finalists or Honorable Mentions, Applicants may submit their stories elsewhere.

7. Light Bringer Project has the non-exclusive right to publish the Finalists' and Honorable Mentions' stories in all media now known or hereafter devised up to one year after the Reading and Awards event.

8. Each Applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Contest, Sci-Fest, LLC, Light Bringer Project, their affiliates, licensees, members, managers, directors, officers, employees, judges, volunteers, agents, and attorneys, and their respective successors, assigns and legal representatives, from any and all manner of claims and/or proceedings arising from or related in any way to the Applicant's submission (or in the case of Finalists or Honorable Mentions stories, publication) of a Story or Stories to the Contest.

9. If and to the extent the Applicant is a minor, then Applicant represents and warrants that the Applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) have authorized this submission and have agreed to abide by these Terms and Conditions on the Minor Applicant's behalf.

10. We are committed to honoring stories written and edited exclusively by humans. We reserve the right to reject any submission that we suspect to be generated or created by language modeling software, ChatGPT, chat bots, or any other AI apps, bots, or software. We reserve the right to revoke awards if AI-generated content is found within a submission.