



The Grumpy Dragon Presents:  
Dragon's Horde 2008  
An art and writing contest for teens only!

**About the contest:**

Dragon's Horde is a contest for teen writers with the goal of discovering and publishing fresh talent in the areas of short story writing, poetry, artwork, photography, and illustrated stories such as manga. The prize is publication in a forthcoming anthology called, *Dragon's Horde 2: A treasury of teen art and writing* as well as copies of the book for the winners in each category.

**Contest Rules:**

1. No entry fee is required, and all rights in the story remain the property of the author.
2. All entries must be original works, in English. Plagiarism, which includes the use of third-party poetry, song lyrics, characters or another person's universe, without written permission will result in disqualification. This includes parodies and fan-fiction. Content should be geared towards the teen market. Submissions judged to be too graphic or for the adult market will be rejected. Entries may not have been previously published in professional media, be currently in print, or be under contract to be printed, including publication on the Internet. Partners and employees of The Grumpy Dragon and contest judges as well as their immediate families are ineligible for this contest.
3. Contestants may enter only once per category. Multiple author/artist projects are not allowed.
4. Here are the guidelines for each category:
  - Short Story: Text must be no more than 25,000 words. All submissions to be in electronic format on either 3.5" diskette or CD. Only .rtf or .doc formats allowed. If we cannot open your file, your submission will be rejected. No illustrations allowed in this category. If fonts other than Times New Roman are used, they must be freely available on the Internet and instructions for how to find them must be included with the story.
  - Poetry: Text must be no more than 7,500 words. All submissions to be in electronic format on either 3.5" diskette or CD. Only .rtf or .doc formats allowed. If we cannot open your file, your submission will be rejected. No illustrations allowed in this category. If fonts other than Times New Roman are used, they must be freely available on the Internet and instructions for how to find them must be included with the story.
  - Artwork: Pieces should be two-dimensional or a photograph of a three-dimensional piece. All submissions must be a scan or digital photograph in .jpg format of at least 300 dpi and saved to 3.5" diskette or CD. Judges will take into account the quality of the photograph for printing purposes. No text allowed in this category unless it is used as an element of the artwork itself. The finished printed product will be in greyscale so please make sure your work will look good in this format or is already saved in grayscale. If saved in grayscale, please submit a color version as well (if applicable) in the event of your work being selected for the cover art of the anthology.

--Illustrated writing: This category is for text and artwork in any combination, including comic and manga pieces. The final submitted piece should be in .jpg or .pdf format. Text is NOT to be included in the panels as it does not scan as cleanly as we need for publication. Submit the text for the panels as a separate file in .pdf or .doc format. Please specify the placement of the text, for example: Text, "Oh no! We must hurry!" in character's word balloon in top right box on page 3. If you wish to specify a font, please note the name of the font with the text and make sure to provide instructions for where the font can be found freely on the Internet if it is not one that is commonly used such as Times New Roman. The finished piece should total no more than 16 pages, with each page being 6" x 9" with a .5" margin all the way around the printed portion of the page. The finished printed product will be in greyscale, so please make sure your work will look good in in this format or is already saved in greyscale.

--Photography: All submissions must be a scan or digital photograph in .jpg format of at least 300 dpi and saved to 3.5" diskette or CD. Judges will take into account the quality of the photograph for printing purposes. No text allowed in this category unless it is used as an element of the artwork itself. The finished printed product will be in greyscale so please make sure your work will look good in this format or is already saved in greyscale. If saved in greyscale, please submit a color version as well (if applicable) in the event of your work being selected for the cover art of the anthology.

5. Each entry must include a signed copy of the official entry form, including parent or guardian's signature, and a 3.5" diskette or CD with the name of the work ONLY on the label. Please do not include any identifying information on the work itself (except for artist's signature on artwork) to ensure fairness in judging. No entry materials will be returned. Entries that do not win will be destroyed. If you wish a confirmation of your entry's arrival, please include a post-paid postcard which we will mail back to you upon receipt. We accept only entries for which no delivery signature is required by us to receive them. All entries final. No revisions are accepted.

6. There will be three top prizes in each category as well as a grand prize from either the artwork or photography category. All winners and any honorable mentions will be included in the publication. Any number of honorable mentions may be selected. Additionally, those winning First Prize for their category will receive 5 copies of the published anthology. Second Prize winners will receive 3 copies. Third Prize winners will receive 2 copies. Honorable Mentions will receive 1 copy. The Grand Prize in either the artwork or photography category is the use of that work as the cover illustration for the anthology. This person will also receive 5 copies of the anthology.

7. The artwork and illustrated writing judging panels will be led by experienced artist and adjudicator Teri Stearns ([www.tlsdigital.net](http://www.tlsdigital.net)). The short story and poetry judging panels will be led by The Grumpy Dragon editor-in-chief Spring Lea Henry ([www.springlea.com](http://www.springlea.com)). The decisions of the judges are entirely their own, and are final.

8. All entrants will be individually notified of the results of their entry by mail no later than February 28, 2009. The Dragon's Horde anthology is scheduled for publication in Spring 2009.

9. This contest is void where prohibited by law.

10. All entries must be received by December 31, 2008. Entrants must be 12-18 years old on that day.

# The Dragon's Horde 2008 Official Entry Form

Please submit a separate entry form for each submission. Please print CLEARLY. If we cannot read the entry form, your submission will be rejected. Be sure you've read all the rules before entering, and good luck!

Full Legal Name of Artist or Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Pen Name (if any) To Be Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Age on September 30, 2008: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (Circle One): Short Story Poetry Artwork Illustrated Writing

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Brief author/artist biography to be used in anthology: \_\_\_\_\_

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By signing below, the author/artist of the work named on this form hereby gives the right of first publication of said work to The Grumpy Dragon to be used in all editions of Dragon's Horde: A treasury of teen art and writing, heretofore referred to as "the anthology." This is an exclusive use of the work, meaning that the author/artist is not free to approach other publishers with his/her work as long as the anthology is in print. This does not guarantee the work will be published in the anthology; only works judged as prize-winning will be published. If a work is not selected, all rights revert to the author/artist. By signing, the author/artist also attests to having read the rules for the competition completely and agrees to abide by them.

Printed Name of Author/Artist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Name of Author/Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail completed entries to: The Grumpy Dragon, 1818 Whitman Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80910