Checklist

Preparing your entry for the Tom Howard/John H. Reid Fiction & Essay Contest

Before I submit my entry to the Tom Howard/John H. Reid Fiction & Essay Contest, I have made sure that…

- ☐ I am submitting a short story or essay. (Want to submit poetry instead? Check out our [Tom Howard/Margaret Reid Poetry Contest](#) or the [Wergle Flomp Humor Poetry Contest](#). Full-length books and collections? Consider our [North Street Book Prize](#).)
- ☐ my entry has 6,000 words or fewer (excluding the title and any footnotes)
- ☐ my entry is written in English
- ☐ my entry is in .doc, .docx, .pdf, or .odt format
- ☐ my entry uses a standard font that is easy to read, such as Times New Roman, Arial, or Verdana
- ☐ the document I am submitting has no extra features enabled, such as comments or tracked changes
- ☐ my document does not include identifying information, such as:
    - my name or initials
    - my email address
    - my mailing address
    - my phone number
    - links to my social media account or other websites with identifying information

All the contact information we need is collected on our online form and linked to your entry with a unique number. Want to know how anonymous judging works? See our video, [“How Anonymous Judging Works at Winning Writers”](#).

If we see a problem in your entry, Winning Writers will contact you to resolve it. We will *not* silently disqualify your entry.

Thanks for submitting your work to our contest. Good luck!