

17th Wasatch IronPen Writing Competition Contestant Rules and Guidelines

Welcome to the 17th Wasatch IronPen Writing Marathon, in which artists of the written word face off in a 24-hour writing competition!

Adult and Youth writers of all experience levels can participate in one of three genres (Fiction, Non-fiction or Poetry) or can take on the IronPen Ultra and write in all three! Writers of all experience levels can register for the marathon at the SLCC Community Writing Center (located at Library Square) or at www.slcc.edu/cwc. After receiving the prompt on Friday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m., writers will have exactly 24 hours to write. Submissions are due Saturday, June 29th at 6:00 p.m. Visit www.slcc.edu/cwc or call 801-957-2192 for more details.

Registration

- Participants must register for the IronPen or the IronPen Ultra by Friday, June 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Participants can register online, over the phone at 801-957-2192, or in person at the SLCC Community Writing Center (210 East 400 South #8, SLC).
- Registration for the IronPen is \$10 for one genre (Fiction, Non-fiction, or Poetry) or \$15 for the IronPen Ultra (all three genres).
- Participants under 18 years old can register for the Youth categories in each genre, or for the Youth IronPen Ultra.
- Participants who register for the IronPen Ultra may *not* register for individual categories.
- Your registration will gain you entrance to the 2024 Utah Arts Festival to view the IronPen Prompt (prompt will also be available on the Community Writing Center's Facebook and Instagram) and to submit your writing. All writers who make an IronPen Submission will also receive a ticket for the Awards Ceremony at the Wordfest Stage.

IronPen Start

On Friday, June 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., a prompt will be presented at the Community Writing Center and posted on the CWC's Facebook ([@CommunityWritingCenter](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityWritingCenter)) and Instagram ([@slcc_cwc](https://www.instagram.com/slcc_cwc)) feeds. Participants must meaningfully incorporate the prompt into their submission(s).

Submissions

Submissions will be accepted online via [Submittable](#). Please carefully follow the submission guidelines outlined below. NOTE: the Submittable link will not work until 6:00 p.m. on June 28, 2024.

Individual genre submissions should not exceed 4000 words.

Ultra submissions should not exceed 8000 words. If you participate in the IronPen Ultra, the three pieces do not have to be linked to each other. Each submission must be an original piece of work written within the 24 hours of the competition.

Submission Guidelines

- Go to [Submittable](#) to submit. Submission is due on Saturday, June 29th at 6:00 p.m.
- Fill out the submission form completely. Requested information will include:
 - Full name
 - Home address
 - Email address
 - Phone number
 - Title of entire submission
 - Genre: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Poetry or Ultra
 - Category: Adult or Youth (18 and under)
- Do NOT put your name anywhere on the manuscript.
- **All submissions, including Ultra submissions, should be submitted as a single file.**

Judging and Awards Ceremony

Winners in each category will be announced on Sunday, June 30th at 12:30 p.m. at the Utah Arts Festival Wordfest Stage. Winners are encouraged to read their award-winning pieces at the award ceremony. After the ceremony, there will be an open mic for all participants to read their work.

Winners will receive a gift card to the King's English bookstore and a gift bag of CWC swag. Honorable Mentions will receive a gift bag of CWC swag.

NOTE: The judges will award a "Winner" and "Honorable Mention(s)" in each category, yet reserve the right to adjust awards as necessary. Youth and Adult competitions are judged separately and anonymously. Awards are subject to change based on submissions and judges' discretion.