



Romance Writers of America, New York City, Inc.

2012 Kathryn Hayes “We Need A Hero” Contest

The contest is open to anyone not published or contracted to publish in novella or novel-length fiction as of September 13, 2012. The purpose of the contest is to identify potential stars of romance and to reward the best and the brightest. This year Erotic Romance as well as LGBT will be accepted. Published writers will judge the entries. An editor from a major publishing house will select the winner.

You may submit multiple entries, but each entry must include:

1. A scene featuring your hero and not necessary in his POV. You may take the scene from any part of your book, and may feature secondary characters as well. The length of your scene is not to exceed twenty pages.
2. A brief summary (or synopsis if you have one) providing a basic outline of the story and/or background leading up to the scene entered. This summary is not to exceed 2 pages, double-spaced, as it will merely serve as a guideline for the judges and will not be judged.
3. Your entry will be judged by 3 published authors and returned to you via email or snail mail with score sheets and optional comments.

To Submit by E-Mail

1. Email entry as follows:

* Format in Microsoft Word or RTF.

- * Submission must be double-spaced, 1 inch margins in Courier New 12 or Times New Roman 14 font.
- * Header on each page should have the manuscript title on the left and the page number should appear on the right.
- * **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY PAGE OF YOUR ENTRY.**
- * Email as Attachment to rwanyccontest@gmail.com

5. In the body of the email, include the following:

- * **Manuscript Name only is to be put in the Subject Line.**
- * Your Name
- * Your Address
- * Your Telephone
- * Your Email Address
- * Title of Manuscript
- * Is this first time entering RWA/NYC Kathryn Hayes Contest?

Entering by Snail Mail

1. Three (3) copies of your entry
2. Submission must be double-spaced, 1 inch margins, in Courier New 12 or Times New Roman 14 font.
3. Header on each page should have the manuscript title on the left and the page number should appear on the right.
4. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY PAGE OF YOUR ENTRY.**

5. Signed Entry Form, a check payable to RWA/NYC, if paying through Pay Pal please email Contest Coordinator, a SASE for return of entries and score sheets with stamped by entry deadline, September 10, 2012.

6. Send to:

RWA/NYC
P.O. Box 3722
New York, NY, 10163

* CONTESTANT'S AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I am the author of this entry, along with any co-author(s) listed above. I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules of the We Need a Hero Contest. I further understand and agree that any question regarding in the interpretation of the rules or any others matters relating to the Contest will be decided by the Contest Coordinator(s), and I agree to accept and abide by their decision. I understand that ideas and titles cannot be copyrighted. I expressly agree to hold harmless RWA/NYC and its Contest personnel, including participating editors and their publishing houses, for any and all losses, costs or expenses incurred by me or on my behalf in connection with my participation in the Contest or any other matter related to this Contest. I further agree to reimburse and/or indemnify RWA/NYC and its Contest personnel, including participating editors and their publishing houses, for any and all losses, costs or expenses incurred as a result of my participation in the Contest. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to this Contestant's Agreement. I further understand that if I do not sign this entry form, my entry will be disqualified.

Entry fee:

- * \$25 RWA Members
- * \$30 Non-RWA Members

An entry fee must accompany all entries. Multiple entries must be sent separately.

If you prefer to send your entry by snail or pay by check for your electronic submission, please email the Contest Coordinator for Instructions.

You may enter more than once, but each entry must come in a separate email with entry information.

All entries must be received NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

If you have any questions, please email Mageela Troche, Contest Coordinator at: Trochema@gmail.com or Rwanycontest@gmail.com