

Competition Rules & Information

The competition is open to anyone living in the UK.

1. *Stories should address the theme of **Your Sins Will Find You Out**.*
2. *Maximum number of words: **2,000** (recommended minimum: 1,000)*
3. *The story must be **typed** and submitted by **post** (see below) or **email: mail@chorleywriters.org.uk**.*
4. *The name of the author **must not** appear on the actual story.*
5. *Closing date for receipt of stories is **September 30th 2014**.*
6. *Entrants must send with their stories a separate cover sheet which gives their name, address, telephone number, email and **title and first line of story or stories**. This acts as the entry form.*
7. *Entry fee is £5 for one story, and £8 for two.*

Please either:

- a) *send a cheque made out to **Chorley & District Writers' Circle, and post with cover sheet and story or stories to: **Aware Competition, 3 Dale View, Chorley, Lancashire PR7 3QJ****.*
- b) *when you submit your story by email, you can either (i) send a cheque as above with the name of the author, the story and the first line written on the back of the cheque or in an accompanying note, or (ii) request details for payment by PayPal when you submit.*

8. *Members of Chorley & District Writers' Circle are eligible to enter and are entitled to **one free entry**.*
9. *Writers can enter as many stories as they like provided they're accompanied by the appropriate fee.*
10. *Stories are not eligible that have won first prize in any competition or been published in print. Stories that have been published **online are eligible** (unless they've won a first prize) as are unpublished stories that have won a prize other than first in a competition – **providing you retain rights to your story**. It is your responsibility to ascertain this.*

11. If your story wins first, second or third prize it will be published in an anthology produced by Chorley & District Writers' Circle, in digital format and online by Chorley & District Writers' Circle and our sponsors. Submission of your story constitutes acceptance of this condition of entry.

12. If your story is shortlisted it may be published in digital format (not print) and online by Chorley & District Writers' Circle and our sponsors. Submission of your story constitutes acceptance of this condition of entry. Please note the name of the shortlisted author will also be published online and in any printed anthology, but not the story itself.

*13. **Copyright always remains with the author.***

*14. **Prizes:** Winner: £100; second prize: £50; third prize: £25, plus publication for winners in *Aware*, the Circle's annual collection of writing.*

15. We cannot enter into any correspondence about individual stories, only about the rules of entry. For information, please email: mail@chorleywriters.org.uk

16. Adjudication takes place in October and November. Winners and shortlisted authors will be notified by the end of November 2014. A list of the winning stories will be published on the Circle website by the end of the year: www.chorleywriters.org.uk