

## SENTINEL LITERARY QUARTERLY

### *Help & Questions*

#### COMPETITIONS

##### ***Are Sentinel Literary Competitions open to only UK residents?***

No. Our competitions are open to all writers of all nationalities living in any part of the world.

##### ***I have paid my competition entry fee by PayPal and have tried to send in my poem by email but the e-mail keeps bouncing. What can I do?***

The competition e-mail address is [competitions@sentinelpoetry.org.uk](mailto:competitions@sentinelpoetry.org.uk) on few occasions we have had this query it has turned out that the entrants have been trying to send their entries to the wrong email addresses. We have had [competition@sentinelpoetry.org](mailto:competition@sentinelpoetry.org) (this address misses out the 's' in competitions and misses out the '.uk' at the end of the web address. Another common error is that many entrants write Sentinel as Sentinal. The best thing is to click on the email address on the competitions page or copy and paste it. There is an alternative email address which is [sentinelcompetitions@gmail.com](mailto:sentinelcompetitions@gmail.com)

##### ***My poem or short story has won a prize or has been commended in a Sentinel Literary Quarterly Competition, do I get an automatic right of publication, and will I receive a free contributor's copy?***

When you enter an SLQ competition, you grant us the first right of refusal regarding the publication of your work. If your poem or short story wins a prize or is commended in the competition, we will publish it in the SLQ unless you ask us not to publish it, perhaps because you wish to give it a chance to win other competitions before publication.

If your work is to be published in the SLQ the editors will use their discretion regarding where your work appears – online only, online and e-book, print only, e-book and print, or in all three. If your work appears in print or eBook, and you have been paid a cash prize for the competition, a free contributor's copy is solely at the discretion of the publisher. However if your poem was only commended in the competition which does not come with a cash prize you will normally receive a free contributor's copy.

##### ***My poem or short story has won a prize or has been commended in a Sentinel Literary Quarterly Competition, when can I expect to see it published?***

As a general rule, there are between 4-6 months from the month a competition ends and when the winning and commended works get published. Here is a quick guide to help you estimate the date of publication:

Competition Date	Scheduled Publication Date
February 2014	July-Sept 2014 issue (31/7/2014)
May 2014	October-December 2014 issue (31/10/2014)

August 2014	January-March 2015 issue (31/1/2015)
November 2014	April-June 2015 issue (30/4/2015)

If these questions and answers do not address your enquiry regarding our competitions, please don't hesitate to ask. [Click here to send an e-mail](#) or Call/Text +44 7812 755 751