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Writing Contests For Every Month of the Year

January:

Prism Short Fiction Contest

- Deadline: January 25th
- Website: <http://prismmagazine.ca/contests/> Prize: \$2000, publication in Prism Magazine and a 1 year subscription
- Entry Fee: \$35 CAD, \$40 US Citizens, \$45 International (additional entries \$5)
- Max Word Count: 6000 words

February:

Geist Post Card Fiction Contest

- Deadline: February 1st
- Website: <http://www.geist.com/contests/postcard-contest/>
- Prize: \$500, publication in Geist Magazine and a 1 year subscription
- Entry Fee: \$20 CAD for all countries (add'l entries \$5)
- Max Word Count: 500 words

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March:

Writer's Union Short Prose Competition

- Deadline: March 1st
- Website: <http://www.writersunion.ca/short-prose-competition/>
- Prize: \$2500, submission to three Canadian magazine publishers for consideration
- Entry Fee: \$29 CAD (open to Canadian writers only)
- Max Word Count: 2500
- **Note:** American and International writers can find an alternate contest in Narrative Magazine: www.narrativemagazine.com/winter-2014-story-contest
You didn't think I would leave you out, did you?

April:

Grain Short Story Contest

- Deadline: April 1st
- Website: <http://www.grainmagazine.ca/short-grain-contest/>
- Prize: \$1000, publication in Grain Magazine and a 1 year subscription
- Entry Fee: \$35 CAD, \$45 US Citizens, \$55 International
- Max Word Count: up to 2500 words (Short fiction of any form—including Postcard Fiction)

May:

The New Quarterly: Peter Hinchcliffe Fiction Award

- Deadline: May 28th
- Website: <http://tnq.ca/peter-hinchcliffe-fiction-award>
- Prize: \$1000, publication in The New Quarterly Magazine and a 1 year subscription
- Entry Fee: \$40 CAD (open to Canadian writers only)
- Max Word Count: no word count limit
- Note: For my International and American writer friends, here's an option for you: <http://www.subterranean.ca/about/103/lush-2013-awards-open+for+entries/>

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June:

The Moth International Story Prize

- Deadline: June 30th
- Website: <http://www.themothmagazine.com/a1-page.asp?ID=3055&page=7>
- Prize: €3000 (approx. \$4000 USD), publication in The Moth magazine
- Entry Fee: €9 per stories (approx. \$13 USD)
- Max Word Count: 6000 words

July:

Matrix Magazine: The LitPop Awards

- Deadline: July 1st
- Website: <http://www.matrixmagazine.org/litpop/>
- Prize: A free trip to the LitPop Awards in Montreal, Canada and publication in The Matrix magazine
- Entry Fee: \$25 per entry (U.S. and Canadian Residents)
- Max Word Count: 3000

August:

Glimmer Train Short Story Awards

- Deadline: August 1st (but is open quarterly Feb 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1)
- Website: <http://www.glimmertrain.com/newwriters.html>
- Prize: \$1500, publication in Glimmer Train Stories and 20 free copies
- Entry Fee: \$15 per story
- Max Word Count: 12,000 words

September:

Surrey International Writing Contest

- Deadline: September 12th
- Website: <http://www.siwc.ca/writing-contest/>
- Prize: \$1000 and publication in the SiWC anthology
- Entry Fee: \$15 CAD per submission
- Max Word Count: 2500 – 5000 words

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October:

Prairie Fire: Banff Centre Bliss Writing Contest

- Deadline: October 31st
- Website: <http://www.prairiefire.ca/contests/>
- Prize: \$1250, a jewelers reproduction of Poet Bliss Carmen's ring, an invitation to Thin Air (www.thinairwinnipeg.ca), dinner with the staff of Prairie Fire magazine as well as publication.
- Entry Fee: \$32 CAD per entry
- Max Word Count: 10,000 words

November:

CBC Short Story Award

- Deadline: November 1st
- Website: www.cbc.ca/canadawrites/literaryprizes/shortstory/
- Prize: \$6000, publication in EnRoute magazine, a two-week residency at the Banff Leighton Artists Colony (www.banffcentre.ca/leightoncolony/)
- Entry Fee: \$25 CAD (open to Canadians only)
- Max Word Count: 1200 – 1500 words
- **Note:** For my American and International writing friends, check this out: www.malahatreview.ca/contests/open_season/info.html

December:

Fiddlehead Short Story Contest

- Deadline: December 1st
- Website: www.thefiddlehead.ca/FHcontest.html
- Prize: \$2000, publication in The Fiddlehead magazine and a 1 year subscription to The Fiddlehead.
- Entry Fee: \$30 CAD (open
- Max Word Count: 6000 words

While these contests are specific to short fiction, writers of poetry and non-fiction will find that many of these links also have a contest for their genre. Keep writing!

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