

# 2006

## OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES & INFORMATION FOR:

### IMAGINE: THE FIRST ANNUAL SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY SHORT STORY CONTEST SPONSORED BY

## VISIONS OF SCIENCE NETWORK FOR LEARNING

- Purpose: To promote the art of short story writing in the science-fiction/fantasy genre among African Canadian youth.
- Awards: \$200 First Prize -- \$100 Second Prize -- \$50 Third Prize per category. The First Place story is eligible for placement on the VoSNL Website for 180 days, and will be published in The Canada Extra Newspaper.
- Entry Fee: No entry fee required for first entry but each additional submittal requires a fee of \$2.00.
- Eligibility: Unpublished stories by youth.  
(Note: "Unpublished work " is defined as stories by an author which, prior to entering this contest, has never received money for a published piece of fiction writing.)  
The contest is divided into 2 categories :  
1) Open to youth from Grade 6 to 8  
2) Open to youth from Grade 9 to 12
- Submittal: Each manuscript entered must meet all of the following requirements:
- Length – 2,000 to 7,500 words
  - Typed -- double spaced on one side of the paper
  - Paper -- white, 8.5 by 11 or country's standard size
  - Title Page -- must include your name, address, phone number, story title, and length. Add e-mail address if available
  - Clear Copies -- do not submit originals. Manuscripts will not be returned
  - **Deadline -- postmarked on or before 5 May 2006** (Advice: enter early -- avoid deadline crush)
- Disqualification: A manuscript will be disqualified if in the judgment of the nominating committee the entry falls into any one or more of the following categories:
- Manuscript fails to meet all of the contest submittal requirements
  - Story has been published and/or the author has received payment for the story or some other piece of fiction writing prior to the date of entry
  - Story is considered to be outside of the Science fiction/fantasy genre
  - Story contains sex for the purpose of arousal only
  - Story contains harsh or foul language

- Story is in bad taste
- Story contains negative portrayal of ethnic minorities

Judging:

A contest nominating committee will select the best stories from all of the qualified entries. An independent judge will determine the winners from the nominated stories. The decision of the judge is final.

Notification:

The prize money will be awarded by VoSNL in accordance with the decision of the judge. Contest winners will be notified by e-mail and telephone by May 17, 2006

Address:

Mail signed official entry form and your manuscript(s) **on or before 5 May 2006** to: IMAGINE, 702-3845 Sheppard Ave East. Toronto, M1T 3S8.

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**OFFICIAL VoSNL SF/F SHORT STORY CONTEST**  
**ENTRY FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_  
POSTAL CODE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT STORY TITLE(S):

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_

Please visit our website – [visionsofscience.ca](http://visionsofscience.ca) for contest results.

I am an unpublished writer as defined in the contest rules and I am the author of the enclosed manuscript(s). I further understand that there will be no notification of the contest results until after 17 May, 2006 on the VoSNL website. I have read the official contest rules and will abide by the condition that the decision of the judge is final..

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT AND MAIL WITH MANUSCRIPT(S) ON OR BEFORE 5 May, 2006 TO:**  
IMAGINE, 702-3845 Sheppard Ave East. Toronto, M1T 3S8

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