

# Contest Guidelines

## Writing About Labyrinths

*The Fourth Annual*

*Labyrinth Society Writing Contest*

### More than \$1,000 in Prizes!

**The Contest:** The Labyrinth Society is looking for short stories, essays/non-fiction and poems that reflect the many experiences offered by the labyrinth. We want to see your best writing. Stories will be judged on creativity, content, general appeal and the extent to which the labyrinth is highlighted.

In addition to a cash prize, each winning piece will be featured on The Labyrinth Society's website and the author will receive a certificate of recognition and be introduced in the organization's print or online newsletter.

**The Awards:** A grand prize of free registration for The Labyrinth Society's 2007 Gathering/Conference (a \$500 value) will be awarded the one outstanding entry, be it a poem, essay or short story. First, second and third place winners in each of the three categories will receive \$75, \$50 and \$25 respectively, plus a certificate of recognition and a year's general membership in The Labyrinth Society.

**The Rules:** #1 Short stories and essays must be 3,000 words or less. Poems must be 30 lines or less. Word and line counts must be typed on the first page of each manuscript.

#2 All entries must be original, unpublished and not scheduled for publication at the time of entry. The Labyrinth Society reserves the right to publish the winning entries on The Labyrinth Society's website and excerpt the winning entries in the organization's newsletter. Further publication rights will be negotiated if such a need arises.

#3 Submit all entries on white paper. Entries must be typed on one side and double-spaced. No entries will be returned, send only photocopies. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped postcard if you wish notification of receipt of your entry.

#4 Entries must be postmarked by June 15, 2007.

#5 Winners will be announced at The Labyrinth Society's annual gathering in November, 2007. This is true for all except the grand-prize winner who will be awarded free registration for this event and notified at an earlier date. If the grand-prize winner is unable to attend the 2007 Gathering he/she will be awarded a cash alternative of \$200.

#6 Entrants need not be members of The Labyrinth Society. For more information on The Labyrinth Society visit the website at [www.labyrinthsociety.org](http://www.labyrinthsociety.org).

**Submitting Your Entry:** The fee for each entry is \$10 and you may enter as many manuscripts as you wish. Multiple entries may be sent in one package. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed official entry form. Please send checks only – one check may cover total amount for multiple entries in one package. Entry forms are available at [www.labyrinthsociety.org](http://www.labyrinthsociety.org) or by sending a request and SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) to The Labyrinth Society, c/o Writing Contest, P.O. Box 736 Trumansburg, NY 14886-0736.

**Send three copies of each manuscript to the address above; name must not show anywhere on the manuscript itself.**