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Everyone has a story to tell

By Okanagan Sunday Staff

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Writers or would-be authors: the annual Okanagan Short Story Contest is once again underway.

Anyone living in the Southern Interior, within the listening area of CBC Radio One in Kelowna, is eligible to enter the 10th annual competition.

This includes all residents west of the Alberta border, south of Williams Lake, east of Hope and north of the U.S. border.

Writers have until March 10 to submit short stories for the Okanagan Short Fiction Contest sponsored by Okanagan College, the UBC Okanagan, CBC Radio One and the Central Okanagan Foundation.

Cash prizes are offered for the best adult short fiction stories ranging from 1,000 to 4,000 words. All entries must be original, unpublished works of fiction, submitted on eight-and-a-half- by 11-inch plain white paper, double-spaced and typed. There is no limit on the number of entries, but a \$12 entry fee is

required with each entry.

Winners will receive cash prizes of \$500 for first, \$200 for second and \$100 for third, and they can participate in a public reading at Kelowna's Life and Arts Festival.

Winners will also have their stories published in a limited edition chapbook and have excerpts broadcast on CBC radio.

Entries will be judged by a creative writing faculty from Okanagan College and UBC Okanagan, and an external judge, a nationally renowned fiction writer.

You can mail entries and a \$12 cheque to: Okanagan Short Fiction Contest, c/o Barbra MacDonald, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies, ART 173 — UBC Okanagan, 3333 University Way, Kelowna V1V 1V7.

For more info, contact Nancy Holmes at (250) 807-9369. Complete contest rules are posted online at www.okstorycontest.org.