

# LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST 2024

## THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST

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### ENTRY RULES

**Grand Prize of \$500 may be awarded to the overall best publication**

**Two First Prizes of \$250 each may be awarded for the best in each of the two categories:**

### **“Genealogy & Family History” and “Genealogical Resource/DNA/Technology”**

1. The Contest opens March 1, 2024. Entries must be received in CSG’s Office by June 15, 2024.
2. a. Genealogy & Family History: Begins with someone in the past and moves forward in time through his/her descendants (genealogy) or begins with a contemporary person (living or deceased) and covers his/her ancestors, usually in one or more direct lines (family history).  
b. Genealogical Resource/DNA/Technology: Might include cemetery abstracts, compilations, court records, specialized vital records data, etc. Could also covers topics in DNA or other technological advancements related to or assisting in genealogical research.
3. Entries must have been published after 2019 and have some relevance to Connecticut and/or New England.
4. An Entry Fee of \$20 and TWO copies of the publication must be submitted with each Entry Form. One copy will be added to the CSG Library collection and the other is usually donated to the Connecticut State Library. On the entry form, the author may designate one copy to be donated elsewhere or be returned instead.
5. Entry is open to anyone except CSG staff, the current/sitting CSG Board of Governors, and their immediate families. Membership in CSG or Connecticut residency is NOT required to enter.
6. Submit completed Entry Form to CSG at the mailing address above.
7. Photocopies of the Entry Form are welcome.

Entries will be evaluated on a variety of criteria including, but not limited to the following: relevance of title, format (logical, readable, interesting arrangement); sentence structure; grammar; and presentation (spelling counts and typographical errors are noted). All entries will include the following to be considered: title page, table of contents, index (at least a Name and/or Place index where applicable), and page numbers. Where applicable, evaluation will also be based on the following: overall presentation, numbering system (was it easy to follow); quality of references; bibliography; and narrative. Book entries need to be bound (spiral-bound/comb bindings accepted). Hardcover and softcover are accepted.

An entry may be submitted on a CD or a flash drive as long as the content is in a common format. Microsoft Word or PDF is preferred. In addition, all entries must have a fully searchable and easy-to-follow names index with page numbers. A searchable place index is also encouraged. All entries will be retained in our library and available for research. The second copy, unless specifically requested to be returned to the entrant, will be offered to the Connecticut State Library. Winning entries may receive a review in an issue of *Connecticut Genealogy News magazine*.

**Winning entries will be formally announced at CSG’s Annual Family History Seminar in October.  
Winners should be notified by August 1, 2024. See reverse for entry form.**

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**ENTRY FORM**

Please Print or Type

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Title of Publication

Category (Circle one):      GENEALOGY & FAMILY HISTORY                      RESOURCE PUBLICATION/DNA/TECHNOLOGY  
(Note: CSG reserves the right to reclassify a category)

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Author's/Authors' Name(s)

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Year of Publication

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Address(es) (including PO Box(es) if applicable)

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Date Submitted

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Town/City, State, Zip+4

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Purchase Price

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Telephone Number(s)

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E-mail Address(es)

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CSG Member Number(s) (if applicable)

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Name(s) of Person(s) Submitting This Entry [if different from Author(s)]

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Telephone Number(s) E-mail Address(es)

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CSG Member Number(s) (if applicable)

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Publisher

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Publisher's Address(es) (including PO Box(es) (if applicable)

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Publisher's Telephone Number(s)

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E-mail Address(es)

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Contact Person

Please indicate disposition of second copy after contest (circle one): Donate to Connecticut State Library

Donate to \_\_\_\_\_ (include address)      or      Return to author

**We encourage you to photocopy this Entry Form and pass it on. See reverse for contest rules.**