

# CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL LITERARY AWARDS CONTEST (2026)

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**\$500 Grand Prize for overall best publication**

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An entry in the **Genealogy & Family History** category begins with someone in the past and moves forward in time through their descendants (descending genealogy) or begins with a contemporary person, living or deceased, and covers their ancestors, usually in one or more direct lines (ascending genealogy or lineage).

An entry in the **Genealogical Resource/DNA/Technology** category may include cemetery abstracts, compilations, court records, specialized vital records data, DNA, technological advancements related to genealogical research, or other relevant topics.

## Contest Rules

1. The contest opens on February 1, 2026. Entries must be received in the CSG office by June 15, 2026. Membership in CSG or Connecticut residency is NOT required to enter.
2. Entries must have been published after 2021 and be relevant to Connecticut or New England.
3. Physical or digital entries are accepted. Fully searchable digital book entries that include an index and page numbers may be submitted in Microsoft Word or PDF on a flash drive. Physical book entries must be submitted as hardcover, softcover, or spiral-bound volumes. Physical book entries require the submission of TWO copies of the publication. One copy will be added to the CSG Library collection, and the other copy will be donated to the Connecticut State Library unless the author designates otherwise on the entry form.
4. An entry fee of \$20 and a completed entry form must accompany all entries. Submissions may be mailed to CSG at the mailing address on the entry form or delivered in person to the CSG office.
5. Winning entries may be reviewed in *Connecticut Genealogy News* magazine.
6. Entry is open to anyone except CSG staff, the current CSG Board of Governors, and their immediate families.
7. CSG reserves the right to not award in any category.

Entries will be evaluated on a variety of criteria. In addition to the content, judges will consider the following aspects of the submission:

- Logical, readable, and interesting presentation
- Standard grammar, sentence structure, and spelling
- Relevant title
- Clear and consistent page numbers
- Well-organized and informative title page and table of contents
- Comprehensive index of places and names when applicable
- Relevant and easy-to-follow numbering system when applicable
- Quality references in the narrative and, if relevant, the bibliography

**Winning entries will be formally announced at CSG's Annual Family History Seminar October 3, 2026.**

**Winners will be notified by August 1, 2026. 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                      GENALOGICAL RESOURCE/DNA/TECHNOLOGY

(Note: CSG reserves the right to reclassify the category of an entry)

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Author's/Authors' Name(s)

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Year of Publication

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Address (including P.O. Box if applicable)

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Date Submitted

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Contact Person

For physical submissions, please indicate disposition of second copy (circle one): Donate to Connecticut State Library **or**  
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.**