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2019 Poul Anderson Creative Writing Contest open for submissions

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In honor of the late Orinda resident and popular science-fiction writer Poul Anderson, high school students who reside or attend school in Orinda will once again have an opportunity to compete in the annual Poul Anderson Creative Writing Contest, sponsored by the Friends of the Orinda Library. There are four entry categories: Science Fiction/Fantasy, Essay/Memoir/Biography, and Poetry and Short Story. Students may submit no more than three entries and no more than one in any category. Submissions must be in by Friday, April 19 at noon.

Up to four winners will each be awarded \$500 prizes, underwritten by the Friends of the Orinda Library, at the end of the school year. Entries are reviewed by a panel of local judges who are involved professionally in reading, writing or publishing. This year's judges are Pat Rudebusch, Janine deBoisblanc, Elizabeth Perlman and

Inez Hollander Lake. Awards will go to the works judged best. There will not necessarily be one award in each category. The winning entries will be posted on the Friends' website and inside the Orinda Library facility for all to enjoy. Winning entries from previous years are available on the Friends' website.

Applicants are required to submit a separate entry form for each submission. The writer's name must not appear on the submission but only on the entry form. Entries, which should include a title, should be typed, double-spaced and include page numbers. Entries must be no more than 20 pages. Entries may be submitted as a hard copy or electronically attached to an email. Entrants must state that their submissions are entirely their own work, and must agree to winning entries being displayed at the Orinda Library and posted on the Friends' website.

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