

# 2022

# Maureen Egen Writers Exchange Award

# NEBRASKA

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

PLEASE REVIEW ALL GUIDELINES CAREFULLY—  
INCORRECTLY SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

### ELIGIBLE WRITERS

Poets and fiction writers who are residents of Nebraska are eligible to apply if they:

1. Have never published a book, or;
2. Have published no more than one full-length book in the genre in which they are applying, **and**;
3. Reside in Nebraska presently and for at least two years prior to the date they submit their manuscripts.

Writers may apply in poetry and/or fiction (only one manuscript per category).

Writers may not be previous winners of contests sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc.

Finalists will be asked to submit verification of publications and residency.

Employees of Poets & Writers, Inc. are not eligible.

### AWARDS

One poet and one fiction writer from Nebraska will be selected as winners. Winners will be announced on our website in Summer 2022. Each will receive:

- A \$500 honorarium;
- An all-expenses-paid trip to New York City in Fall 2022 to meet with editors, agents, publishers, and other writers. Winners will give a public reading, hosted by Poets & Writers.
- One-month residency at the Jentel Artist Residency Program in Wyoming.

*Note: While we hope to offer an in-person trip in 2022, it will depend on federal, state and city safety protocols at that time.*

### MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Poetry manuscripts should not exceed ten pages, single or double-spaced (minimum of 7 pages).

Fiction manuscripts should not exceed 25 pages and must be double-spaced. Fiction manuscripts may include stories and/or excerpts from novels.

Published work may be included; however, no reprints from books or magazines are acceptable. Published work must be retyped to conform with the rest of manuscript and should not be identified as published work.

All work must be original and written in English; translations are not eligible. There are no restrictions on style or subject matter.

### MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Email a manuscript and a signed application entry form to [wex@pw.org](mailto:wex@pw.org) with the subject line “WEX 2022 Submission.”

Your name or address should **not** appear anywhere in the manuscript.

Manuscripts must be .doc or .pdf; other file types will not be opened.

If applying to **both** categories, attach two separate application entry forms and two separate manuscripts (one for poetry, one for fiction) to submission email.

All manuscripts must be emailed on or before  
**March 1, 2022**

### Submission Checklist

Manuscript(s) file(s) formatted as .doc or .pdf  
Contest entry form(s) are completed and signed  
Email subject line is “WEX 2022 Submission”

# 2022 Application NEBRASKA

## Section One

### Writer Info

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

State: NE

Zip:

Telephone:

Alternate Telephone:

E-mail:

## Section Two

### Manuscript

Poetry Manuscript

Fiction Manuscript

Manuscript Title:

Number of Pages:

Signature:

Date:

List titles of all poems or works of fiction submitted. Attach an additional page if necessary: