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Harmony Ink Press is looking for young authors writing in the LGBTQ+ genre to submit short stories for our third annual Young Author Challenge. Submissions between 2,000 –10,000 words will be considered. Main characters should be 14–21 years old and can be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or anywhere else on the LGBTQ+ spectrum, including still in the process of working out their sexual/gender identity. The story should portray positive LGBTQ+ characters who grow or change for the better in some way. See the general Harmony Ink submission guidelines for more information.

HERE'S HOW IT WILL WORK

- Authors will be between the ages of 14–21. If the author is 17 or younger, a parent or legal guardian will have to sign the publication contract should a story be accepted.
- Selected stories will be published in an anthology to be released in both paperback and eBook formats.
- Accepted authors will be paid a flat rate based on story length. Payments will range from \$35–\$65.
- Feedback from at least one published author will be provided for all submissions.
- Submission Deadline: **May 1, 2017**
- Publication Date: October 2017

TO SUBMIT

Send all submissions to submissions@harmonyinkpress.com. Please include “Young Author Challenge Submission” in the subject line.

For specific questions, please contact submissions@harmonyinkpress.com.

Send in the body of the e-mail:

- Your legal name, pseudonym if applicable, and contact e-mail address.
- Working title, series name if applicable.
- Genre and manuscript length.
- General story description in two paragraphs.
- Writing credentials.

Attach to the e-mail:

- A short but complete story summary and/or synopsis.
- The complete manuscript, for all lengths of works.

FORMATTING YOUR SUBMISSION

Please follow these simple formatting guidelines. Our editors will thank you.

- Submissions will be accepted in .docx, .doc, .rtf, and .txt formats.
- Standard 12 pt Times New Roman, 1 inch margins, .5 indent for the first line of each paragraph. 1.5 line spaces between lines. No tabs or spacing to indent, please! Page numbers in the upper right corner, author name in the upper left corner with the title of the work following. Example: Stephen King / The Shining
- All submissions must be spellchecked and edited for American English grammar and spelling. Regional words and slang are acceptable when appropriate.
- Dreamspinner Press edits works using *The Chicago Manual of Style* as its primary reference. Editing your work to these standards prior to publication will greatly facilitate the publication process.

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