

# Æther Illustration Contest Rules



The contest is divided into the following divisions:

1. Adult Illustrators (Ages 18+)
2. School Age Illustrators (9th - 12th grade at contest deadline)
3. Young School Age Illustrators (5th - 8th grade at contest deadline)

## Entry Guidelines:

- By entering the contest, the illustrator agrees to abide by all contest rules.
- There is no entrance fee.
- Only one entry is allowed per person. Only one division can be entered per term. No simultaneous or previously published entries will be accepted.
- The illustration must be science fiction or fantasy in nature with a maximum file size of 20mb.
- All submissions must be in English. All communication will be done in English.
- All entries must be the illustrator's original work. No fan-art is permitted. No art generated by artificial intelligence programs is permitted. Any plagiarism will result in the immediate disqualification of the entry.
- No graphic sex, language, violence, or profanity (as determined by the judges) will be allowed.
- No entries generated by AI or assisted by AI will be accepted.
- Team members of Sibyl's Scriptorium and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.
- All entries must be submitted electronically by the term deadline.

## Contest Terms and Deadlines Information:

- The contest year is divided into two terms: the Fantasy Term and the Science Fiction Term.
- Each term will have up to three winners for each division.
- Winners are not eligible to enter another term during the contest year.
- Fantasy Term Details:
  - The Fantasy Term is open January 1 – February 28
  - All illustrations submitted in this term must belong in the fantasy genre or subgenres.
- Science Fiction Term Details:
  - The Science Fiction term is open March 1 – April 30
  - All illustrations submitted in this term must belong in the science fiction genre or subgenres.
- For entries which are both Science Fiction and Fantasy, pick the term which fits the work best.

## Submission Preparation Guidelines:

- All illustrations must be in jpg or png file format and the file size cannot exceed 20mb.
- The maximum print area will be 8.25" X 5.25". Submissions can be larger for judging of fine details, but will be reduced to that size for print.
- The illustrator's name and all identifying information must only appear on the entry form.
- The illustrator's name or mark can be submitted on a separate version to be used in the publication.
- The file name must be the title of the illustration.

## Judging Information:

- All judging will be done blindly to avoid any bias of the judges.
- All judging decisions are final.
- Winners will be announced after each terms's judging is completed.

Thank you for your interest in the Æther Illustration Contest. Please pass word of the contest on to anyone you feel may be interested.

Please email [contests@sibscript.org](mailto:contests@sibscript.org) for any questions or information.

