



# Competition Rules

- Short stories only will be accepted.
  - The competition is open to anyone over 18. All entrants must have a connection with the county of Roscommon (born in, living in, currently working in, went to school in).
  - Previous first prize winners may enter but will not be eligible for the first prize.
  - Writers may enter up to two stories.
  - Typed entries (handwritten entries cannot be accepted) must be no more than 2000 words. Mark the number of words in your entry on the bottom of the page. Entries over the 2000 word limit will be automatically disqualified.
  - Include your name, address and contact details, plus your connection to the county. **INCLUDE THESE ON A SEPARATE PAGE, NOT ON YOUR ENTRY.**
  - There is no entry fee. All entries must be received by 15th July 2020.
  - The competition will be adjudicated by Orla Kelly of The Reading Room Bookshop, Carrick-on-Shannon. The judge's decision is final.
  - Post your entry to: **NEW ROSCOMMON WRITING AWARD 2020**, Roscommon Arts Office, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon, F42 VR98. You may also email your entry to: [artsofficer@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:artsofficer@roscommoncoco.ie). Title your email **NEW ROSCOMMON WRITING AWARD 2020**.
  - The shortlisted writers' names will be announced in local media and published online at <http://www.roscommoncoco.ie/en/Services/Community/Arts>
  - The awards ceremony will take place at a later date in King House, Boyle, Co. Roscommon.
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