

# FREEDOM *in* FICTION PRIZE

## —ENTRY FORM—

Please fill out the following entry form and send with required materials as outlined in the competition rules to:

Mr. Justin W. Marshall  
Project Manager  
Freedom in Fiction Prize  
140 West Main Street  
Midland, Michigan 48640

Your information will be kept confidential. There are no application or submission fees. Application Deadline: January 1, 2008.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Prefix: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone (not required): \_\_\_\_\_

Primary E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary E-mail Address (not required): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### PERMANENT ADDRESS

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### MAILING ADDRESS

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### SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

This portion to be filled out for those authors sponsored by a 501(c)3 organization.

Sponsoring organizations will help the author develop ideas and themes within their book. In addition to qualifying for a cash prize, sponsoring organizations will help advance classical liberal principles in popular culture. Sponsoring organizations may publicly promote their involvement with the Freedom in Fiction Prize.

501(c)3 Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Proof of an organization's 501(c)3 designation must be provided and returned with application.*

—COMPETITION RULES—

Principal Audience: Young Adult, Adult

*Purpose: To promote liberty and self-reliance through popular culture*

Contact: Mr. Justin W. Marshall, Project Manager

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**SUMMARY:**

The Freedom in Fiction Prize is an international prize that honors the best unpublished works of fiction with the greatest potential for imparting the ideas of free markets, liberty and personal responsibility across a wide audience in a positive manner. The contest is open to all individuals who meet the requirements set forth under the “competition rules.” A panel of judges will pick the winning author, who will receive a \$10,000 cash prize, with an opportunity to win a total of \$100,000.

**COMPETITION RULES:**

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- All entries must be completed in English.
- Entries must be works of fiction, not previously published.
- All fiction manuscripts will be accepted and reviewed, but at their core must promote appreciation for and a desire for greater freedom.
- Only one entry per applicant is allowed.
- International applicants are encouraged and invited to compete.
- There are no application or submission fees.
- Authors are required to submit two sample chapters, entry form, signed disclaimer and book outline to the project manager by January 1, 2008. The author must submit the first chapter, and one other chapter of choice. The outline should include a summary discussion of the major themes within the book and the major characters (hero & villain) that they believe qualify them to enter the contest. Characters that demonstrate an appreciation for liberty, free-markets and/or explicitly or symbolically oppose government oppression or restraints on their freedom should be essential elements of any submitted work of fiction. Outlines should be no longer than 2 pages in length.
- Authors are encouraged to reflect carefully on the themes suggested above. Entries that advance themes or characters who promote government-sponsored solutions; vilify entrepreneurship; degrade personal initiative, self-reliance and responsibility, or regurgitate discredited myths and misconceptions about liberty and free enterprise will not be favored.
- By January 1, 2008, participants must mail 2 copies of the book outline, 2 copies of the sample first chapter and chapter of choice, 1 entry form and signed disclaimer to the project manager. Except for the entry form and disclaimer, all documents should remain anonymous.
- Upon review of each author’s book outline and sample chapters, up to 10 authors will be notified by March 31, 2008 to continue with the writing process and asked to complete their book by March 31, 2009. Authors should keep in mind that the outline should convince the judges that their fiction book has the greatest potential to engage and entertain readers, while instilling ideas consistent with liberty, free-markets, self-reliance and limited government.
- Each of the possible 10 participants chosen to continue with the writing process will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.
- The final contest winner will receive a \$10,000 cash prize. The contest winner will be eligible for an additional \$90,000 cash prize if the book sells 10,000 copies in its first year after being published nationally. Self-published books or books published by a vanity press will not be eligible for the additional \$90,000 cash prize. The Freedom in Fiction Prize will not publish the winning manuscript, but hopes the prize will greatly assist the author’s efforts to secure a major publisher and may assist the author in marketing the book.

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- Authors may be sponsored by a 501(c)3 organization. Authors sponsored by a 501(c)3 organization must notify the project manager of their sponsorship (see sponsorship section of entry form). Sponsors will act as a sounding board and mentor to the author, and will be available to help develop themes within the book. Upon sale of 10,000 copies, the 501(c)3 sponsor of the winning author qualifies to receive a \$25,000 cash prize. This \$25,000 cash prize is independent of the \$100,000 cash prize offered to the writers. An author's choice to be sponsored will in no way effect their likelihood of success and is meant only to encourage 501(c)3 organizations to aid and search for potential authors.
- A panel of judges will read each of up to 10 books and will announce the contest winner by June 30, 2009.

The decision of the judges is final. All deadlines are final and extensions will not be granted. The Freedom in Fiction Prize reserves the right to not award a prize. Winning author agrees that by submitting his/her work that the Freedom in Fiction Prize can promote the book in any manner that does not knowingly distract from its success. Mackinac Center for Public Policy employees and their families are not eligible to compete.

## DISCLAIMER

I certify that the answers given by me to all questions in my application for the Freedom in Fiction Prize and any attachments are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct and that I have not knowingly withheld any pertinent facts or circumstances. I understand that any omission or misrepresentation of fact in this application may result in my disqualification from consideration for the Freedom in Fiction Prize.

I understand that The Rodney Fund, and any individual or organization affiliated with the Rodney Fund makes no assurances as to the publication or financial success of any works produced as a result of this grant program. Neither the Rodney Fund nor its officers, directors, employees or affiliates are responsible for the content of any works submitted for the Freedom in Fiction Prize. If any damage occurs to any person as a result of the content of any work, I accept full responsibility for such damages, and I hereby release the Rodney Fund and any persons or organizations affiliated with it from any and all liability and responsibility for such damages.

I understand that only original material may be submitted for consideration. I certify that any materials submitted by me have not been previously copyrighted by any person, and understand that submission of previously copyrighted material will result in my disqualification from consideration.

I hereby consent to permit the Rodney Fund to contact anyone it deems appropriate to investigate or verify any information provided by me to discuss my suitability as a candidate for the Freedom in Fiction Prize or to determine the suitability of my written work, including my background, experience, education, or related matters. I expressly give my consent to any discussions regarding the foregoing and I voluntarily and knowingly waive all rights to bring an action for defamation, invasion of privacy, or similar cause of action, against anyone providing such information.

I hereby authorize any organization affiliated with the Rodney Fund to investigate my background as necessary for the consideration of my application for the Freedom in Fiction prize. I further authorize all persons and organizations to supply all information concerning my background as requested by the Rodney Fund and any organization affiliated with the Rodney Fund. I hereby release them and any organization affiliated with the Rodney Fund from any and all liability and responsibility arising from their doing so.

I hereby authorize the Rodney Fund and the Freedom in Fiction Prize to promote any works submitted in any manner that it deems appropriate, and agree to participate in whatever manner reasonably requested of me by the Rodney Fund and the Freedom in Fiction Prize.

*I understand that the Rodney Fund reserves the right to not award the Freedom in Fiction Prize to any author for any reason it determines appropriate or necessary. The decision of the Rodney Fund shall be final and not subject to review.*

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Signature

Date

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