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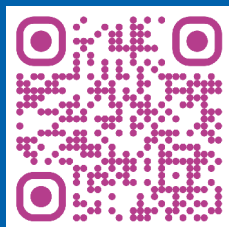
2026

\$7,000 in Cash Awards!

Submission Deadline: March 16, 2026

**Welcome** to the 2026 Porter Fleming Literary Competition, now in its thirty-first year of recognizing outstanding writing and writers.

The competition honors the memory of Porter Fleming, one of Augusta, Georgia's leading citizens and foremost philanthropists. The competition is administered, with the support of the Porter Fleming Foundation, by the Morris Museum of Art, the first museum in the country to focus on the art and artists of the American South.



### Literary competition categories:

- **Fiction**—Short stories only (2,500 words maximum)
- **Nonfiction**—Article or essay (2,500 words maximum)
- **Poetry**—(Up to three poems per entry, not to exceed five pages total per entry)
- **One-Act Play**—(London format required, limited to fifteen pages)

### Awards (Cash awards in each category):

- **First Place**—\$1,000
- **Second Place**—\$500
- **Third Place**—\$250

**Deadline:** Entries must be postmarked by **March 16, 2026**. Entrants will be notified by e-mail when entries are received.

**Permission:** By entering, winners grant permission to the Morris Museum of Art for publication or public readings at the competition and awards ceremony.

**Who can enter:** Writers, ages 18 and older, who reside in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Washington, D.C.

### Entry fees:

- \$15 per entry for fiction, nonfiction, one-act play, and poetry. (For poetry, one entry can include up to three poems.) **Pay online: via QR code or make checks payable to Morris Museum of Art. (Money orders and cash cannot be accepted.)**

### Literary competition guidelines:

Email one (1) copy of each entry, entry form, and entry fee receipt to [marian.hawk@themorris.org](mailto:marian.hawk@themorris.org) OR mail one (1) copy of each entry and an entry form with the fee attached OR mail each entry

and entry form with a copy of your online receipt.

- Entries for fiction, nonfiction, and one-act plays must be typed, double-spaced, on 8 ½" x 11" paper, with 1" margins, in Times New Roman, 12-pt. type. Poems may be single-spaced.
- All entries must be original, previously unpublished in print or online media, and not accepted by any publisher at the time they are entered. Manuscripts previously submitted to the Porter Fleming Literary Competition may not be resubmitted.
- On all entries, add the title of your work at the top of the first page, print on one side only, and do not use staples.
- Include your e-mail address if you wish to be notified when your entries have been received.
- Download entry form via QR code.
- Winners will be announced spring 2026 on [www.themorris.org/porterfleming](http://www.themorris.org/porterfleming).

**Submissions that do not meet these guidelines will be disqualified and the entrant notified.**

### Mail entry forms and fees to:

Morris Museum of Art • Porter Fleming Literary Competition • 1 Tenth Street, Augusta, GA 30901 • Attn: Marian Hawk

OR pay online via QR code.

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706-828-3800 | [www.themorris.org](http://www.themorris.org)

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# 2026 Entry Form

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (day) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site \_\_\_\_\_

Category of Entry:

Fiction  Nonfiction  Poetry  Play

Title of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

First Line of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # pages in your entry (including cover).

Yes, I have met all of the requirements listed in this  
Entry Form.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Submit entries or questions to:

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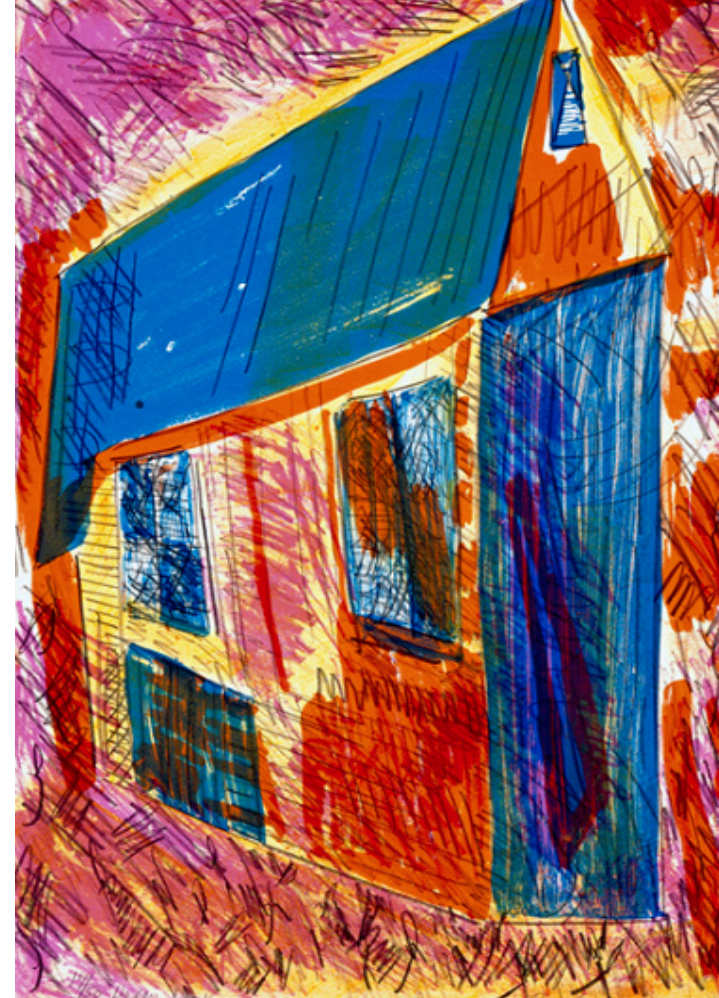
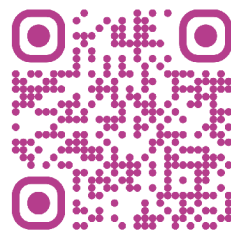
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