



CALL FOR ENTRIES

Seventh Annual

M.F.K. FISHER EMERGING WRITERS CONTEST

The recently formed M.F.K. Fisher Foundation is pleased to announce the call for entries for the seventh annual M.F.K. Fisher Emerging Writers Contest. Writers are invited to submit an original unpublished essay or short story (*no poetry please*) expressing their own unique viewpoint on this very real element of our lives: **Fire**.

From the glow of candlelight, the warmth of the kitchen stove, the rage of romantic passions, and the devastation and renewal of flames in the wild, fire is elemental to our existence. What fire means to us, in practical and metaphorical terms, inspires this year's challenge.

"In winter, when alone, I ate by the fire on the hearth of the living-dining room. In spring, I carried my plate and glass into the new warmth of sunlight on the terrace, ankle-deep in wild flowers and a hundred tender grasses."

Love in a Dish . . . And Other Culinary Delights by M.F.K. Fisher, edited by Anne Zimmerman

Deadline for submissions: Monday, May 25, 2026 5pm PST

Entries accepted in three categories: Adult, Youth, and Child

Entry fee: \$50 for adults (no charge for Children and Youth)

Prizes include: \$250 for the winner of each category, plus \$250 for the grand prize winner.

Registration and complete contest details, including judging panel, entry guidelines, prize and publication information, and terms and conditions are available on our website.



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