



2025 Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing Award TIME TRAVEL

An annual writing contest for Tampa Bay high school students

Entries accepted January 1 – May 15, 2025 at
tampabay.com/nie/storycontest

Tampa Bay high school students are invited to submit original, unpublished short stories on the theme of “time travel.”

Time travel (n) – hypothetical transport through time into the past or the future.

Your story may be set in the past, present or future, in our historical timeline or in an alternate timeline. Your traveler(s) may travel forward or backward in time. Your time travel may be accomplished by science (wormhole!), technology (time machine!) or magic (whatever!).

Entries will be judged by a panel of experts, including:

- Author of the *Rhymer* time-travel trilogy, **Gregory Frost**
- O. Henry Prize-winning author of the time-travel novella *Time’s Agent*, **Brenda Peynado**
- Author of the Sidewise Award-winning time-travel story “Something Real,” **Rick Wilber**

The Grand Prize winner will receive:

- \$200 grand prize
- Grand prize plaque
- Winning story published on the contest website

Runners-up will receive:

- \$25 prize
- Award certificate



Find more information and enter at tampabay.com/nie/storycontest

Rules: Visit tampabay.com/nie/storycontest for more information, complete official rules and to enter. The contest is open to all students over the age of 13 in grades 9-12 in public, private and home schools in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk counties. Stories must be previously unpublished and unsold. There is no fee to enter, and no limit to the number of stories a student may submit.