

2017 CFMS BULLETIN CONTEST  
Bulletins, Articles, Features, Poetry and Special Publications  
**PUBLISHED IN 2016**

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2017 RULES AND PROCEDURES

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1. DEADLINE/PUBLICATION DATES

- Bulletin entries for the 2017 CFMS Bulletin Contest should be postmarked no later than January 6, 2017.
- Bulletins to be judged will be for the period of January 2016 through December 2016.

2. SUBMITTING ENTRIES/CONTACT INFORMATION

Mail all entries to the 2017 CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair:

**Sue Webb**  
**9895 Kerrydale Court**  
**Reno, NV 89521**

If you have any questions or suggestions you can contact her by phone: (775) 624-8446  
or email: [rgms.bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:rgms.bulletin@gmail.com)

2 A. DIRECT AFMS BULLETIN ENTRIES

Those eligible only for the AFMS contest will be noted and forwarded to the AFMS judges by the CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair. For these AFMS entries, submit just the top of the score sheet. The AFMS uses its own score sheet, but needs your information. Submit two (2) printed copies of your Direct Entry and one (1) pdf copy on a CD or USB flash drive to the CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair for forwarding.

3. RULES FOR BULLETIN ENTRIES

- a. Bulletin Award Categories are made according to bulletin size:
- A. Mini = 6 printed pages (sides) or less.
  - B. Small = 7 to 11 printed pages (sides).
  - C. Large = 12 printed pages (sides) or more.
  - D. New Editor (see information below)

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3. RULES FOR BULLETIN ENTRIES, continued

- b. Bulletin Size is determined, in part, by the following four page constraints. This helps in determining the actual bulletin size or number of pages. The page or size constraints are:
- A. Standard letter size (8 ½ x 11) = 1 page.
  - B. Legal size (8 ½ x 14) = 1.5 pages.
  - C. A page done in 15 pitch type = 1 ½ pages.
  - D. Two small pages = 1 page.

- c. New Editor: If you are a new editor, circle "New Editor" ONLY. The number of pages or the designation of Mini, Small or Large does not apply to New Editors. A New Editor is defined by the AFMS as one who became editor during the contest year and has not edited **a CFMS or AFMS member society's bulletin at any previous time. A New Editor should not** be replacing another family member. When an editor is replaced in mid-year, the new and the former editor must decide which one is to enter the contest. Both cannot enter the same year.

New Editors are to select their BEST ISSUE to be submitted. Two (2) printed copies and a pdf copy either on a CD or USB flash drive are to be submitted. *Each copy must have its own separate score sheet attached with the required information at the top supplied.*

- d. Other Rules:

Eligibility

Any editor who has not been a first place winner of the CFMS contest as Editor of a mini, small, or large bulletin in the last two years is eligible to **compete in this year's CFMS** contest.

Winners of first place in CFMS in the past two years, but not of first place in AFMS, are eligible to enter the AFMS contest only.

Exception: As a previous first place winner as a New Editor, he or she may enter one of the other categories without waiting the two-year period.

Bulletin Selection & Copies

A bulletin may be entered in only one Bulletin Award Category.

Choose your BEST MONTH to be submitted.

Send two (2) printed copies and a pdf copy either on a CD or USB flash drive are to be submitted. Each copy must have its own separate score sheet attached with the required information at the top supplied in clear print in block letters or typed. (See GENERAL RULES for more information)

If your bulletin is ordinarily mailed in a separate mailer or envelope, include it with each copy to avoid loss of score for not having a return address. The type of reproduction will not be considered, but entries should be clean, neat and legible. Covers will be judged, but not included in the page count unless there is a radical change each month.

- e. Awards

The top three eligible bulletins in each category will be forwarded by the CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair to the AFMS for further judging. The Editors of these entries will be notified that they are in the top three.

A separate Award will be made for each category. A Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded to all entrants. Certificates for the top three winners will indicate the position awarded.

A minimum score of 90 must be received to be awarded the CFMS trophy.

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4. ORIGINAL ARTICLE ENTRIES – Adult or Junior

Editors, be sure to choose the articles to submit carefully. They must be original. The articles must have appeared in your society's bulletin during the Contest Year and have never before been published anywhere in any other publication, handout or on the Internet.

The articles cannot be a summary, review or book report/review. The subject must be related to some phase of the earth science or lapidary hobby. Trip or vacation reports are not eligible unless further educational/technical information is included, such as historical and/or geological factors, descriptions of material found, or research to enhance educational value.

**An article is also considered to be "educational" if it gives a "how-to" procedure for lapidary work, exhibiting, micromounting, etc.;** if it provides a description of a particular mineral or fossil; or if it is a safety study on hazardous minerals, shop practices, or field work. If research of any kind is done, a bibliography must be included. The judge may make the final decision as to eligibility. *(Also see the WRITTEN FEATURES category)*

If a series of articles has been published during the year, the editor will select only one article of that series to enter into the contest. Only one article per author can be accepted, even on unrelated subjects. There is no limit on the number of articles by separate authors that may be entered from the same bulletin.

Articles copyrighted by a CFMS member author can be entered in CFMS competition but not the AFMS competition (per AFMS Rules).

Articles must be submitted as they appeared in the society's Bulletin during the Contest Year. Remove the page from the bulletin or make a copy of both sides of the page.

Note: On the entry form, in Part 2: Article Quality, indicate the category of the article. Do you want it to be judged as informational, scientific, collecting area, club activities or humor? The judge may misunderstand the author's intent and give a lower score than the article deserves unless the editor fills in this vital clue.

Eligibility: An author is eligible for the current year's CFMS contest if the author has not been a first place winner of the CFMS contest in the past two years in an Articles Category.

4A. ORIGINAL ARTICLE: Adult

This is the category for persons who are 18 years of age or older, who:

- A. Have not won a first place CFMS trophy in Adult Articles
- B. Have not earned a living in the earth sciences field, or
- C. Have not had an article or book published.

Whenever the amateur Adult Article author accomplishes a, b, or c, that author moves up to the Adult Articles-Advanced category in the following year's competition. All future entries will remain in the (Adult-Advanced) category.

4B. ORIGINAL ARTICLE: Adult-Advanced

Category is for experienced writers. Articles do not have to be long, extremely technical detailed treatises, just educational (or fun). This category is for persons 18 years of age or older who:

- A. Have won a first place trophy for an Adult Article
- B. Have earned a living in an earth science field, or
- C. Have had an article or book published. (Note: Publication in club newsletters does not count for this requirement.)

4C. ORIGINAL ARTICLE: Junior

Entries include all articles by authors under 18 at publication, even on technical subjects. There are two Junior age groups: under 12 years old and 12 – 17 years old.

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5. FEATURES ENTRIES – Adult or Junior

Eligibility: For the 2017 contest there will NOT be a restriction on people who won the first place award in 2015 or 2016, in Written Features and Drawn Features, from entering the 2017 contest.

5A. Written Features include items (other than poems) in sentence form that add spice to a club bulletin but do not necessarily follow the form of an article. They must be original, and there is no length limitation. A possible entry would include a humorous anecdote, president's column, shop hints, play on mineral names, special club contest, or club history commentary (not just copied quotes from past newsletters; the author must introduce personal input/analysis).

5B. Drawn Features will include original items that bring spice to a bulletin but do not follow a literary form. Included here are puzzles that are made up of a form or shape (not word puzzles), cartoons, crystal structures (drawn by author and incorporated in an original application). The drawn feature should have some accompanying description/heading to add to the originality but the drawing predominates.

6. POETRY

Eligibility: An author is eligible for the current year's CFMS contest if the author has not been a first place winner of the CFMS contest in the past two years in a Poetry Category.

ORIGINAL POETRY ENTRIES – Adult or Junior

Send two copies of each Poetry Entry to the CFMS Bulletins Aids Chair for forwarding; attach the score sheet with top of the form completed. Also include a pdf copy on a CD or USB flash drive.

The author of the poem must be a member of the club submitting the entry. Only one poem may be submitted from each author in a club. Poems must be related to the hobby. In addition, there is a designation for poetry content, serious or humorous. Please note this on the score sheet. The poem submitted should be an original poem by the author, appearing for the first time in print in the current contest year bulletin. There should be no copyright violations. For junior entries, be sure to note the age.

Original Poem judging criteria:

- a. Appeal/Interest: general audience or specialized audience.
- b. Meter/rhythm: open verse or rhyming.
- c. Clarity and Appropriateness: serious topic or just for fun.
- d. Suitability of verse style for subject: haiku, limerick, short stanza or long stanza

7. SPECIAL PUBLICATION ENTRIES

A Special Publication is an original one-time publication during the year. They are only judged by AFMS at this time.

Send two copies of the Special Publication to the CFMS Bulletins Aids Chair for forwarding, with the completed AFMS score sheets attached. Also include a pdf copy saved on a CD or USB flash drive.

The authors must be members of the society and/or earth science related. Society participation/involvement in the special publication is desirable. Special Publications may be of any length, but it should be long enough to cover the subject. If a publication is an update or revision of a previous publication, include the earlier publication in order for the judge to compare and evaluate the amount of work done and score accordingly. The Special Publication itself should list a name, address and telephone number for inquiries.

Articles and/or poems published over a year's time should not be bunched together and submitted as a Special Publication. AFMS eligibility and other rules apply.

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8. GENERAL INFORMATION - Editors, please take time to read these rules:
- A. Complete and include Summary Sheet of what is being sent. Linked on Forms/Contest page
  - B. How Submit Copies: Submit two (2) printed copies of all entries and one (1) pdf copy of each entry on a CD or USB flash drive.
    - a. Put all pdf copies on the same CD or USB flash drive.
    - b. Label the CD/USB flash drive with your society name & contest year
    - c. Send all entries material at the same time.
  - C. Score Sheets: Each copy of the entry must have its own separate Score Sheet attached with all required information at the top of the each form.
    - a. Include: **titles of articles, author's and editor's name, complete address, phone, email, name of society, when published, and applicable age group or other category questions.**
    - b. Please Print in BLOCK LETTERS or TYPE - Handwriting and regular printing can sometimes be difficult to decipher; we want information we pass along to the judges to be as mistake free as possible.
    - c. Labels are permitted for repetitive information.
  - D. Bulletins:
    - a. Submit two (2) printed copies of your BEST bulletin and one (1) pdf copy on a CD or USB flash drive.
    - b. Be sure that Score Sheets with all required information are attached to each copy.
  - E. Poems:
    - a. Submit two (2) printed copy and one pdf on the CD or USB flash drive
    - b. Be sure that Score Sheets with all required information are attached to each copy.
  - F. Special Publications
    - a. Send two printed and one pdf copy of the publication with AFMS score sheet attached and the top of the form completed to the CFMS Bulletins Aids Chair for forwarding.
    - b. The AFMS score sheet is linked on the CFMS web site Forms/Contests page. Also see the link to **AFMS's** description page on the CFMS Forms/Contest Web Site Page.
    - c. Be sure that Score Sheets with all required information are attached to each copy.
  - G. Awards
    - a. A separate Award will be made for each category.
    - b. The top three CFMS eligible entries in each category will be forwarded by the CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair to the AFMS for further judging.
    - c. The editors of the entries in each category will be notified that they are in the top three.
    - d. A Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded to all entrants. Certificates for the top three winners will indicate the position awarded.
    - e. A minimum score of 90 must be received to be awarded the CFMS trophy.
    - f. Awards will be given out at the *Breakfast with the Editors & Webmasters* during the annual CFMS Show and Convention. (All members and guests are invited to attend the awards Breakfast.)
  - H. Final Tip

So that you can enter your top-scoring bulletin for competition, we suggest that you or someone else in your society use a score sheet and actually tally the score when selecting the bulletin to enter