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# GUIDELINES FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BOOK PROPOSAL WRITING CONTEST

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## WHAT IS A BOOK PROPOSAL CONTEST?

The OC Christian Writers Conference and the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA), representing 250 Christian publishers, will award two six-month certificates for their Christian Manuscript Submissions (CMS) service. Manuscript submissions normally cost \$98.

Many leading Christian publishers use [ChristianManuscriptSubmissions.com](http://ChristianManuscriptSubmissions.com) as a primary source for unsolicited book proposals as they are unable to process the large amount of print manuscripts sent to them. Christian Manuscript Submissions provides a rare opportunity to have your book idea potentially reviewed by editors of royalty-based traditional Christian publishing houses. Online submission is easy and new-author resources are available on the site.

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## DEADLINE

April 10, 2011

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## PRIZES

TWO - SIX MONTH SUBSCRIPTION WORTH \$98 EACH

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## GUIDELINES

1. The competition is open only to paid attendees of the OC Christian Writers Conference held in Irvine on April 30, 2011. There is no additional fee to enter the contest.
2. Limit one entry per registered conference attendee.
3. Digital submissions will be accepted in any of the following formats: .rtf (rich text), Microsoft Word, or PDF files. And all must abide by the formatting guidelines given in #2 above.
4. A draft of your book proposal must be completed by April 10, 2011. From this draft you will write a one page query letter. For guidelines on writing a book proposal and query/cover letter see <http://www.christiancommunicator.com/submitbookproposal>
5. If awarded, your final book proposal will be submitted to CMS.
6. Once you have enrolled for the conference, please submit the query/cover letter and the first three pages of your nonfiction book or novel to [ocwritersproposalcontest@gmail.com](mailto:ocwritersproposalcontest@gmail.com)
7. ENTRIES MADE AFTER APRIL 10, 2011 WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
8. Winners will be announced during lunch at the OCCWF Conference on Saturday, April 30, 2011 and **must be present to win.**

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