



**Declaration of Eligibility for 2025 PEN America Literary Awards
2025 PEN/Robert J. Dau Short Story Prize for Emerging Writers**

By signing this form, the editor/submitter and author are agreeing to the following terms required for submission to the 2025 PEN/Robert J. Dau Short Story Prize for Emerging Writers:

1. The submitted story is the author's first published short story. The author has not had any other work of fiction previously published in either short or book-length form. (Note: authors who have previously self-published are still eligible; for the purpose of this prize, a debut is defined as a story that has undergone editorial review and been accepted and published in a publication with which the writer is not professionally associated.)
2. The author has not published one or more books which have undergone editorial review.
3. The submitted story is being put forward by the editor of a literary magazine, journal, or cultural website where the story was first published. The publication in which it appeared is published on a recurring schedule.
4. The submitted story has not been published by any other online or print publication or as part of a larger, book-length work.
5. The story was first written in and published in the English language. The submitted story is the original work and has not been previously published in any other language. Translations are ineligible.
6. 6. The author of the submitted short story is aware of submission to the award and agrees to having their short story published in Best Debut Short Stories: The PEN America Dau Prize anthology if they are selected as one of the 12 award winners.
7. If the submitted work is selected as one of the winning works, Catapult will pay a \$200 honorarium to the literary magazine in which the story was first published. By entering the submission, the submitters agree to this arrangement.
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