

2012 CFMS BULLETIN CONTEST RULES and PROCEDURES
For Bulletins, Articles, Features, Poems & Special Publications
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1. DEADLINE

Entries must be postmarked on or before

DECEMBER 15, 2011

Bulletins to be judged will be for the period of
January 2011 through December 2011.

2. Eligibility - Bulletins

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.

A previous winner as a New Editor may enter one of the other categories without waiting the two-year period.

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.

All bulletin entries, including those going to the AFMS contest, should be mailed to the **2012 CFMS BULLETIN AIDS CHAIR:**

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2a. 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 only one (1) copy of your entry for Direct Entries to the CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair for forwarding.

3. Rules for Bulletin Entries

A. 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 2011 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 midyear, the new and the former editor must decide which one is to enter the contest. Both cannot enter the same year. The new editor selects the two issues to be submitted; choose the **two best ones; (two copies of each issue).**

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. 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 1st paragraph above)

A bulletin may be entered in only one category. Two separate issues must be entered. Both issues must fit just one category.

First, choose your best month. Send in two (2) copies of this issue. Second, send in two (2) copies for the month of **APRIL**. (New Editors only send in two (2) copies of any two months. Pick your best two.)

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.

All required copies must be received together. Each of the four copies must have its own separate score sheet attached with the required information at the top supplied. **Please Print in BLOCK LETTERS or TYPE.**

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.

The top three bulletins in each category will be forwarded by the CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair to the AFMS for further judging. The Editors of these in each category will be notified that they are in the top three. The CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair will select the issue with the highest number of points to forward to the AFMS.

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

4. Rules for Article Contest: Eligibility

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 2011 and have never before been published anywhere in any other publication.

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

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 information is included such as geological factors or research to enhance educational value. The judge may make the final decision as to eligibility.

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 which may be entered from the same bulletin.

Copyrighted articles can be entered in CFMS competition but not the AFMS competition.

Articles must be submitted as they appeared in the society's 2011 Bulletin. Remove the page from the bulletin or make a copy of both sides of the page.

Submit two copies of each article. Each copy must have a separate score sheet attached with the required information.

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.

5. Rules for Original Articles

A. 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.

B. 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 yrs old and 12 – 18 yrs old.

C. Original Article: Adult-Advanced

Category 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.)

The top three CFMS articles in each category will be forwarded by the CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair to the AFMS for further judging. Bulletin editors will be notified of the articles sent on.

A Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded to all entrants. Certificates of the top three winners will indicate the position awarded.

6. Features

An author's eligibility and category rules for Features are the same as for Original Articles - Adult and Junior

A. 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).

B. 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.**

7. Poetry

Original Poems – Adult and Junior

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.

The poem submitted should be an original poem by the author, appearing for the first time in print in a 2011 bulletin.

There should be no copyright violations.

Original Poem judging criteria:

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

8. Entries for AFMS Competition Only

Special Publications are only judged by AFMS at this time. Entries should be sent to the CFMS Bulletins Aids Chair for forwarding.

Special Publications

A Special Publication is an original one-time publication during the year.

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.

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

The Special Publication itself should list a name, address and telephone number for inquiries. Complete the top portion of the AFMS score sheet. Attach and send it with one copy of the Special Publication to the CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair.

9. General Information

Editors: please take time to read these rules. For more information read **AFMS Specific Guidelines** (use link to the AFMS Bulletin Contest page)

Please make sufficient copies of all entries and applicable score sheet forms:

- two (2) copies each of your April bulletin and the additional bulletin of your choice, all four copies with a separate score sheet attached (Note: new editors will select their two bulletins from any month; see item 3);
- two (2) copies of each article that you submit, all copies with a separate score sheet attached.
- For Special Publications submit one (1) copy to CFMS Bulletin Aids Chair.

Score Sheets and Scoring

Be sure to fill in all the information requested at the top of each form including titles of articles, author's and editor's name, complete address, phone, email, name of society and bulletin, when published, and applicable age group or other category questions.

Because handwriting and regular printing can sometimes be difficult to decipher, please print all information clearly in BLOCK letters or TYPE. We want the information passed along to the judges to be as mistake free as possible.

There is a handy "typewriter" feature in Adobe Reader that can be used to fill in the top of the pdf forms.

A 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 this second bulletin.

If you have any questions or suggestions you can contact me by phone: (760) 508-1080 or (NEW) email: cynmandell@me.com

Thank you,

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