

“Remember to look up at the stars  
and not down at your feet.  
Try to make sense of what you see  
and wonder about what makes  
the universe exist. Be curious. ...”  
– Stephen Hawking



# 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial SOA Speculative Fiction Contest

## Winning Categories

- **\$400**—Most impressive speculative overall story
- **\$300**—Second most impressive speculative overall story
- **\$200**—Third most impressive speculative overall story
- **\$150**—Most creative and unique use of technology (Technology Section)
- **\$150**—Most novel prediction forming the basis for the narrative (Predictive Analytics and Futurism Section)
- **\$150**—Most innovative actuarial career of the future (Actuary of the Future Section)
- **\$150**—Readers' favorite story

What are the ideas or innovations of the future? Share your dreams about the future of the actuarial profession.

Enter the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial SOA Speculative Fiction Contest and send us your stories so we can share them and inspire the next generation of actuarial students. Please encourage your peers to write as well and help us make this year's contest a success.

Sponsored by the Technology Section, the Actuary of the Future Section, and the Predictive Analytics and Futurism Section

Follow in the footsteps of other great authors like H.G. Wells, Philip K. Dick or Ray Bradbury and embark on a quest to set our future.

Start writing now!



“You fail only if you stop writing.”  
– Ray Bradbury

Submit all entries to  
**[Sections@SOA.org](mailto:Sections@SOA.org)**

## Contest Rules

**The top three entries will be chosen by Dr. Bob Mielke, professor of English at Truman State University. He will also provide comments on all stories with additional remarks by your contest organizers, Gary Lange FSA, MAAA and Tracy Kirkman, ASA, MAAA.**

**The awards presented by each section will be chosen by that Section Council, so craft your story accordingly.**

**The contest begins with this announcement and ends Jan. 31, 2019.** Winners will be announced on April 3, 2019.

Each entry will be published online on the respective SOA section page on the SOA website.

### **The rules for this writing contest are as follows:**

- The story must include some sort of actuarial topic.
- The author must have passed at least one actuarial exam.
- The story should be less than 6,000 words (if we must count the words, you are using too many).
- Entrants must use their real names on the story for submission and for publication (if selected), and may not use a nom de plume.
- Submissions must be in English.
- Stories may be submitted in either Microsoft Word, PDF format, or shared Google doc.
- When emailing the story, include the entrant's name, phone number, email address, and the names and contact information for the co-authors, if applicable.
- By submitting a story, you are agreeing to provide the SOA with the right to publish your story, in accordance with Section 7(b) of the official rules.