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Last Call for 2007 Africana Homestead Literary Contest Entries

*Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers (AHLP) issues its last call for entries for the company's annual short story and poetry contests. AHLP invites adults, youth, and children to send their best work to highlight the black experience in the U.S. by March 31, 2008. Youth and children may enter for free, and the full guidelines are posted on the company's Web site at http://www.ahlpub.com/Literary_Contests.html. AHLP will publish the 2007 winning entries in *Visions of Black Life: A Collection of Outstanding Short Stories and Poetry, Volume 4*.*

Cherry Hill, NJ (PRWEB) February 23, 2008 -- Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers (AHLP) issues its last calls for entries for its 2007 Africana Homestead Short Story Contest and 2007 Africana Homestead Poetry Contest. AHLP's literary contests are for amateur writers and poets in three categories: adult, youth, and children. Entries must highlight the historic or present-day black experience in the United States. A panel of editors, authors, and educators who are experts in creative writing and publishing will select the winning entries. In its fourth year, both contests are popular and reach across the nation.

AHLP's contests are open to residents of all 50 States and the territories of the United States of America. The full guidelines, entry fees, and a description of awards are posted on AHLP's Web site at http://www.ahlpub.com/Literary_Contests.html. Adults must pay \$20 to enter the short fiction contest and \$15 to enter the poetry contest. Youth ages 12 to 18 and children ages 5 to 11 may enter for free. Individuals may also download an entry cover sheet, writing tips, and a writing template. Poets especially should craft lines of verse to fit the text block dimensions in the template. All entries must be postmarked by March 31, 2008.

In the short fiction contest, AHLP awards adults from \$150 to \$450, youth from \$100 to \$300, and children from \$50 to \$150. For poetry, AHLP awards winners adults from \$100 to \$300, youth from \$75 to \$150, and children from \$25 to \$75. The company does not give awards in any category that has no qualifying entries. AHLP also will publish the 2007 winning entries in its annual literary journal, *Visions of Black Life: A Collection of Outstanding Short Stories and Poetry, Volume 4* (ISSN 1556-2190).

*Visions of Black Life (VBL) Volume 3 is the first volume published in full color and with a supplement. VBL Volume 3 celebrates the 2006 Africana Homestead literary contests winners in the adult category: Paul Lomax, first prize in short fiction and poetry; Evelyn Dilworth-Williams, second prize poetry; Matthew P. Requa, third prize poetry. A fantastic article from freelance writer Cierra M. Robinson on The Brave New World poetry slam and Deanne Jordan's thoughtful poetry focus on youth perspectives. Carolyn C. Williams brings to life the excitement of volunteers and foreign travel in her story on Operation Crossroads Africa in Liberia in 1979. VBL's Supplement Vol. 3 No. S1 has the 2007 contest guidelines and book reviews of Christian Filostrat's debut novel, *The Beggars' Pursuit*, an exciting political thriller, and the nonfiction study, *Ethnic Tensions in Liberia's National Identity Crisis: Problems and Possibilities*, by Emmanuel T. Dolo. All volumes of *Visions of Black Life*, *The Beggars' Pursuit*, and *Ethnic Tensions in Liberia's National Identity Crisis: Problems and Possibilities* are on sale at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, and other online bookstores.*

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