

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT



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Meet George Ebey, author of the *Helen of Mars* series and an Ohio native! Currently a Summit county resident, he lives with his wife and two ornery cats. George has authored a myriad of short stories published in a multitude of anthologies, and he is a longtime contributor to “The Big Thrill” for thriller enjoyers everywhere. Every student who participates in the State Tournament will receive a copy of George’s work (included in registration fees).

JUDGES – START PLANNING NOW!

Every school must provide **at least one judge for each participating grade level** for one to three registered, qualifying students. Schools with four **or more qualifiers** per grade level will **need to provide an additional judge**.

Example: Registering four 7th grade students and three 8th grade students would require a grand total of three judges (two for 7th, one for 8th).

State judges must have prior Power of the Pen judging experience or have completed official Power of the Pen training. If you are unable to supply additional judges for four or more registered students (per grade level), you have the option to pay a \$75 supplemental judge fee for each additional, required judge that has not been provided. **However, you must meet the minimum requirement of one judge for each participating grade level before opting to pay the supplemental judge fee.**



Judge training will be available on the website, coming soon! Everyone who has signed up to judge must watch the **State Orientation video** posted on the website; we will notify you when it becomes available.

Please note that there will not be a judge orientation session at the State Tournament.