



Newsletter

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CONVENTION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

SLF will award \$10,000 over the course of 2021-2022 on a rolling basis to science fiction and fantasy conventions. Grant amounts range from \$500 – \$1000 each. The application and additional criteria can be found [here](#).

To date, we have awarded \$3,860 to the following:

[FIYAHCON 2021](#) (\$1000) (September 16-19, 2021), a virtual con dedicated to the members of the BIPOC community who've contributed to speculative fiction. Their first con was last year, with 1200 participants and a Hugo nomination for Best Related Work.

[Astronomicon](#) (\$1000) (October 29-31, 2021), run by the Rochester (NY) Fantasy Fans non-profit, Astronomicon is looking to make a return after 8 years of not holding the con.

[Loscon 47](#) (\$860) (Nov 26-28, 2021), run by The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (LASFS), "the world's oldest continuously active science fiction and fantasy club (founded Oct. 27, 1934)!"
[Estcon 2021](#) (\$1000) (July 16-18, 2021), put on by the Estonian Science Fiction Association, which has been active since 1995. "It's about literature, comic books, LARP, films, animations and having a good time during a weekend in July."



2021 OLDER WRITERS RECIPIENT

Angela Yuriko Smith's piece Perfect Girlfriend landed her this year's winner. Angela is an American poet, publisher and author of Okinawan descent. Her other works include In Favor of Pain and Bitter Suites. She

co-publishes Space and Time, a publication dedicated to fantasy, horror and science fiction since 1966. Join the community at spaceandtime.net or visit angelayurikosmith.com.

WEEKLY CO-WRITING

Co-writing sessions are held weekly on Saturdays 11-2pm central, with 10-15 minutes of introduction, followed by 45 minutes of silent writing, done three times, from beginning to end. Join the Facebook [group](#) for more information.

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