

# UNPUBLISHED WRITER AWARD

## “Call for Entries”



The nation's largest reading group for Black women  
**The Go On Girl! Book Club, Inc.**  
invites you to write your way to \$500!



Founded in 1991, The Go On Girls are a spirited group of sisters who love a good read. We currently boast 29 chapters in 12 states with more than 350 members. Our mission is to encourage the literary pursuits of people of African descent. In this vain, since 1993, we have bestowed our coveted “Author of the Year” award and our “New Author of the Year” award on such talents as Octavia Butler, Gloria Naylor, Valerie Wilson Wesley, Connie Briscoe, Stephen L. Carter and Pearl Cleage, just to name a few. In the year 2009, we will host our annual awards weekend in Houston, Texas. Will you be honored there among our literary giants? Read on for details on how to apply for the prestigious “**Unpublished Writer**” Award.

### **Award Guidelines:**

- Applicants may reside anywhere within the United States
- Applicant must mail three copies of an original, unpublished fiction work (short story or novel excerpt) not to exceed 2,000 typed words on double-spaced pages
- Applicant must include a cover sheet with the following information: applicant's name, address, telephone number and e-mail where possible; 250-word biographical sketch, including your writing goals and current status
- Mail your cover sheet, three copies of your manuscript, and your bio by February 15, 2009 to:
  - **GOG Awards Committee**
  - **Pat Houser**
  - **P.O. Box 1656**
  - **New York, NY 10163-1656**
- The \$500 winner will be notified by March 30, 2009, and will be invited, along with a guest, to attend our annual awards ceremony. The winner's work may be featured in the Go On Girl! quarterly newsletter and/or on our website.

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2009**

*For more information about the Unpublished Writer Award, contact [pathouser@aol.com](mailto:pathouser@aol.com).  
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