First Coast Romance Writers
2016 Beacon Contest for Unpublished Authors

Entry Title: _____ Category: _____

Entry Number: _____ Judge #: _____

Judge Qualifications: (check all that apply) ____PAN Author ____ Published Author ____ RWA PRO
____ Contest Finalist ____ Contest Winner ____ Trained Judge

JUDGES:

Please make comments on the entry itself using **BOLD BLUE LETTERING** in the body of the entry. Remember: specific, constructive feedback is important, for both revision and encouragement. Feel free to comment on the score sheet as well.

Please score the following categories using a scale of 4 to 9. ***The questions are not to be answered individually, but are a general guideline for assessing a numerical score for each category.***

Scoring Key: 9 = Outstanding, ready for submission 7-8 = Very Good, needs minor revisions

5-6 = Average, shows promise, but needs work 4 = Below Average

	HOOK: Did PAGE 1 capture your attention? If you read page 1 in a bookstore, would you be compelled to turn the page? Comments:
	PLOT: Within the selection, was the groundwork laid to build the story world / draw you INTO the story? Were the <<paranormal / inspirational / historical / YA>> aspects and themes smoothly woven into the fabric of the story? Is information revealed in an interesting manner? Is the setting clear? Comments:
	CHARACTERIZATION : Do the characters come alive? Behave and react in a realistic (for the character / genre) manner? Is the dialog natural and unstilted, moving the story forward? Is there a good balance between dialog and narrative? Are actions and emotions shown, not told ? Is Point of View clear? Comments:
	TECHNIQUE: Is the author's voice used to effectively create a compelling story? Is the writing tight and easy to read? Did the writing evoke emotion from you, the reader? Do grammar, punctuation, and spelling generally meet accepted standards? Comments:
	OVERALL APPEAL: Did you find the selection compelling? Do you want to read more? If the book were published, would you recommend it to a friend? Comments:
	TOTAL SCORE (45 MAX)

Overall Judge's Opinion: Please write a paragraph (or two) to let the author know what you enjoyed, what needed improvement, and your overall impression.