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- **What do I need to attend the SFWA Nebula Conference Online?**
 - Computer, Smartphone, or Tablet: You will need a device that is capable of connecting to the internet. From there, that device will need to be able to access the conferencing app, Zoom, to participate in much of the activities we will be offering throughout the weekend.
 - Webcam (Optional): If you would like to be seen while participating in any of the panels, room parties, or breakout rooms that allow participant cameras, you will need to connect or enable your webcam to do so.
 - Internal/External microphone (Optional): In order to participate via voice in any social events, you will need an internal/external microphone enabled within your device. Alternately, the chat, text function will also be enabled should you not wish to use a microphone.
 - Speakers/headphones (Optional): We recommend the usage of headphones to hear panels, pre-recorded content, participate in any video conferencing and to cut down on any echoing or feedback. Speakers will also work well in instances where you will not be speaking, but listening to a presentation/panel etc. Additionally, we will be close captioning our content for attendees.
- **Will the panels be recorded?**
 - Most will, but some will not in order to allow the participants to speak freely.
- **What is an on-line room party?**
 - An on-line party is a way to interact with other conference attendees in an informal way using breakout rooms to limit the number of people in a conversation to a manageable number and allowing the individual participants to move from conversation to conversation.
- **What are Office Hours?**
 - Office hours allow for one-on-one or small group conversations with an expert who can answer questions about a specified topic. These are meant to be short informal interactions. Please visit here to check availability of participants and to sign-up: <https://events.sfwaworld.org/about/office-hours/>
- **How can SFWA members apply for COVID-19 relief?**
 - The SFWA board has allocated \$100,000 to a COVID-19 relief effort. This initiative will help SFWA members who are struggling to afford necessary expenses due to lost revenue from COVID-19 illness or related restrictions. This receipt-based grant will allow members to apply for up to \$1,000 of emergency funding to cover the cost of essential needs, such as housing and food, due to lost income from the pandemic. To apply visit: <https://www.sfwaworld.org/covid-19-relief-for-sfwaworld-members/>

- **How can I help?**
 - Today, SFWA also asked for assistance from those who are financially stable to donate to the Where the Need is Greatest fund. Donations help fund all of SFWA's relief efforts, including helping members in financial distress pay their rent or mortgages, buy essential medication, and acquire the necessary supplies and services to make it through these challenging times.
 - Donate Now: <https://www.sfwaworld.org/2020/04/09/donate-the-help-members-of-science-fiction-and-fantasy-writers-of-america-affected-by-covid-19/>

- **How to get help with technical problems?**
 - SFWA will have a technical team an email away to help you resolve any technical issues that arise.

- **Will you have the Nebula conference next year?**
 - Yes. May 20-23, 2021 in LA.

- **Will there be a way to buy books?**
 - The SFWA Book Depot is a unique conference bookstore stocking hardcovers, paperbacks, and more, available to all attendees at the Nebula Conference Online. We carry a wide selection of science fiction and fantasy books with a special focus on Nebula Award nominees and attending authors.
 - Please note: You must be registered to attend the Nebula Conference in order to participate in the Book Depot program.
 - For attending authors with print titles available through Ingram, if you would like to have your books appear in SFWA's bookshop.org site at the 2020 Nebula Conference, please submit this form for up to 5 of your titles before May 15th, 2020. <https://airtable.com/shrqTlfUCNJeUkDtJ>
 - Non-Ingram & E-Book Authors: Due to the short pivot from an in-person conference to an online venue, our choices were extremely limited in how we could showcase member titles in the online bookstore. While the current solution for bookshop.org only allows titles that are stocked by Ingram, we still encourage all of our authors to participate in selling their works online. If you are an author who does not have access to Ingram, please post links to the retailer of your works in the Nebula Conference forum located here: <https://events.sfwaworld.org/forums/forum/conference-bookstore/>
 - There is an example of how the events team would like you to format your post, so that it is easy for people to find your works and buy!

- **Travel and Lodging**
 - Don't! Please ensconce in situ!

- **Restaurant Guide**
 - Pantry, refrigerator, and delivery!

- **Banquet**
 - Here are some of our favorite recipes from the official SFWA cookbook! You can purchase your own copy here: <https://www.sfwaworld.org/sfwaworld-publications/preorder-your-sfwaworld-cookbook-now> (All sales go to benefit the SFWA Legal Fund.)
 1. Appetizers
 2. Salmon puffs (Julie Czerneda)
 3. Momos (Jay Lake)
 4. Seared peaches with prosciutto and basil (Rebecca Gomez Farrell)
 5. Soup/Salad
 6. Lentil soup (Russ Galen)
 7. Sonoran chopped salad (Catherine Wells)
 8. Entrees
 9. Champagne chicken (Vonda N. McIntyre)
 10. Boozy beef (Joe & Gay Haldeman)
 11. Kicharee (Food of the Gods) (Jefe Kennedy)
 12. Desserts
 13. Falling cloud cake (Fran Wilde & Miriam Weinberg)
 14. Teatime tassies (Mary Robinette Kowal)
 15. Schadenfreude Pie (John Scalzi)
- **Bar**
 - Recommended cocktails
 16. Quarantini, Obituary, Penicillin, Cloister
- **Dress code**
 - Formal evening attire. (technically, pajamas are evening wear)
- **Alternate Universe Speeches**
 - The Nebula Conference is an opportunity to celebrate all of the finalists. After the main ceremony, all finalists have time to give their acceptance speech as it fell through the time warp from the universe in which they got to go home with the Nebula trophy.