



ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL 2008 Writing Competition

Elementary Competition, grades 1 – 4 Middle School Competition, grades 5 – 8

CASH PRIZES

FIRST PLACE - \$100.00 • SECOND PLACE - \$50.00 • THIRD PLACE - \$25.00

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

Entry Fees: A fee of \$2.00 per entry must be submitted with the fully complete entry form. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Only one entry form per student is necessary. Teachers may submit work from their entire class for a flat \$25.00 fee. Schools may enter all their students for a flat \$100.00 fee.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked between January 2 and March 15, 2008. **Late Entry Deadline:** If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2008, add \$1.00 fee for each manuscript.

Eligibility: Entrant must be in grades 1-4 for the Elementary Competition or grades 5-8 for the Middle School Competition, and must either be a West Virginia resident or a current member of West Virginia Writers, Inc. Entries must be original work of the entrant. Works that have won a cash prize in any past WVW Annual Spring Competition are **not eligible**. Published works or those accepted for publication prior to January 1, 2008, are **not eligible**. A work will be considered published if it has been printed in a publication with a distribution of 1000 or more, or if it has been published on a webpage that has received or could receive 1000 or more viewers annually. However, if less than 25% of the entry has been published, it will be considered unpublished.

Guidelines: Send copies only. Manuscripts must be titled, typed in standard 12-point font on one side of 8.5 x 11 white paper. (A parent or teacher may type the entry.) Prose (fiction or nonfiction) must be double-spaced. Poetry may be single-spaced. The work is limited to

2000 words. Artwork will not be considered in the judging. **The author's name must NOT appear anywhere on the manuscript.** The entry form should be paper-clipped to the manuscript.

Disclaimer: WVW, Inc., and Contest Administrator are not responsible for manuscripts that are delayed, lost in the mail, mailed to the wrong address, or damaged in delivery. Manuscripts will not be returned.

Winners: Winners will be announced at WV Writers Annual Conference, June 14, 2008, at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV. For a list of winners, enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope or email address.

Mail entries by regular mail only (**NO signature-required mail will be accepted**). Check or money order should be made payable to West Virginia Writers, Inc. Schools may combine entry forms in a single envelope with one check, although each student must have a separate entry form. Address

**West Virginia Writers, Inc.
Patsy Pittman, Contest Administrator
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Vienna, WV 26105**

Questions? Email patsypittman@verizon.net or call 304-295-4738. Downloadable entry form and additional information is available at <http://www.wvwriters.org>.

Title of Entry _____ Student Name _____

School _____ Teacher _____ Grade _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____

City/State/Zip _____

County _____ Email _____

___ I would like to become a member of WVW, Inc., and receive a quarterly newsletter with writing tips, news, and articles, receive discounts at writing events, and have opportunities to meet or join an email group with other writers.

TOTAL # OF ENTRIES _____ x \$2	\$ _____
LATE FEES (March 16-31, \$1 PER manuscript)	\$ _____
MEMBERSHIP	\$ <u>5.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ _____

PARENT OR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

I certify that the entry submitted is the sole and original work of this student.

Parent or Teacher Signature _____ Date _____