



West Virginia Writers 2010 Annual Writing Competition

CASH PRIZES IN EVERY CATEGORY

FIRST PLACE - \$250.00 • SECOND PLACE - \$125.00 • THIRD PLACE - \$75.00

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

Entry Form: Fill out and mail this form with your check or money order (no credit cards) to the address printed below. Only one entry form per person is necessary.

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked between January 2 and March 15, 2010. **Late Entry Deadline:** If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2010, add \$2.00 fee for each manuscript.

Eligibility: Entrant must be a West Virginia resident or a current member of West Virginia Writers, Inc. Entries must be original work of the entrant and must comply with category descriptions, limitations and procedures. 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, 2010, 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 However, if less than 25% of the entry has been published, it will be considered unpublished. **There is no eligibility age limit.**

Emerging Writers Eligibility: Writers who have never won a cash award in WVW Annual Competition AND who have not been published in a publication with a greater than 5000 circulation are eligible to enter this category.

Guidelines: Send copies only. Manuscripts may be entered in more than one category, provided the same title is used. Submit a separate manuscript and fee for each category. All manuscripts must be titled, typewritten in standard 12-point font, and double-spaced (poetry may be single-spaced) on one side of 8.5 x 11 white paper. Do not place in covers or binders. **The author's name MUST NOT appear anywhere on the manuscript.** Indicate entry category and word count in upper right hand corner of first page.

Judging: Judges will not critique manuscripts.

No Returns: All submissions will be destroyed 30 days after the annual state writers conference. Do not send your only copy; manuscripts will not be returned.

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.

Winners: Winners will be announced at WV Writers annual conference, June 12, 2010 at Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV. For a list of winners, enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope or email address.

Mail entries regular mail only (**NO signature-required mail will be accepted**), with check or money order payable to West Virginia Writers, Inc., to:

West Virginia Writers, Inc.
Steven Goff, Contest Administrator
Rt. 2, Box 46
Salem, WV 26426

Questions? Email sgoff53@hotmail.com or call 304-782-3267. Downloadable entry form and additional information is available at <http://www.wvwriters.org>.

ENTRY FEE \$10 PER ENTRY

Competition Category Descriptions

- # Inspiration (up to 5,000 words, poetry or prose).
- # Scripts (All lengths, stage plays, screenplays) - Joe McCabe Memorial Script Award.
- # Nonfiction (up to 5,000 words). Includes article, essay and memoir.
- # Children's Books and Full-Length Books for youths to age 16. Submit 3 chapters or up to 5,000 words and a 1-page synopsis. (Please do not send artwork, it cannot be considered.)
- # Humor (up to 5,000 words). Prose or poetry.
- # Appalachian Writing (up to 5,000 words). Prose or poetry.
- # Book Length Prose. Fiction or Non-Fiction. Submit up to **7,500 words** and a 1-page synopsis. **\$12 ENTRY FEE**
- # Long Poetry: Poetry 21 lines, maximum 4 pages in length; any form.
- # Short Poetry: Poetry 20 lines or shorter in length; any form.
- # Short Story: Fiction (up to 5,000 words).
- # Emerging Writers: Poetry. Any poetry form, any length up to 4 pages.
- # Emerging Writers: Prose (up to 5,000 words). Specify fiction or nonfiction..

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

County _____ Phone _____

Email _____

I certify I have both read and met all eligibility requirements.

Signature _____ Date _____

TOTAL # OF ENTRIES ____ X \$10 \$ _____

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LATE FEES (March 16-31, \$2 PER manuscript) \$ _____

MEMBERSHIP \$ _____

DONATION FOR WVW'S *NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES* STUDENT WRITING CONTEST \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Enclose check or money order payable to West Virginia Writers, Inc.
MEMBERSHIP: (current membership required if not a resident of WV)
 Adult \$20.00; College \$10.00; Student (under age 18) \$5.00.

 Current Year (July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010)

 Next Year (July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011)

 I am already a member of WVW, Inc.