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# West Virginia Writers 2011 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, 2011. **Late Entry Deadline:** If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2011, add \$2.00 fee per 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 WVV Annual Spring Competition are **not eligible**. Published works or those accepted for publication prior to January 1, 2011, 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 However, if less than 25% of the entry has been published, it will be considered unpublished.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 WVV Annual Competition AND who have not been published in a publication with a circulation greater than 5000 copies 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.

**Fees:** All fees paid to the contest are non refundable.

**Judging:** Judges will not critique manuscripts. Entrants may not contact judges during or after the contest. Any attempt to do so by an entrant will result in automatic disqualification without refund of fees. Decisions of the judges are final.

**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:** WVV, 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 11, 2011 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.  
Teresa Newsome, Contest Coordinator  
5245 Pond Fork Rd.  
Madison, WV 25130**

**Questions?** Email [t\\_newsome01@yahoo.com](mailto:t_newsome01@yahoo.com) or call 304-601-2460. Downloadable entry form and additional information is available at <http://www.wvwriters.org>.

### ENTRY FEE \$10 PER ENTRY

#### Competition Category Descriptions

- #      Screenplays (for films of all lengths) - Joe McCabe Memorial 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.)
- #      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).
- #      Topic: Animals (up to 5,000 words). Prose or poetry.
- #      Topic: War (up to 5,000 words). Prose or poetry.
- #      Topic: Appalachian Writing (up to 5,000 words). Prose or poetry.
- #      Emerging Writers: Poetry. Any poetry form, any length up to 4 pages.
- #      Emerging Writers: Prose (up to 5,000 words). Specify fiction or nonfiction.
- #      Book Length Prose. Fiction or Non-Fiction. Submit up to **7,500 words** and a 1-page synopsis. **\$12 ENTRY FEE \*\***

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 WVV'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, 2010, through June 30, 2011)

     Next Year (July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012)

     I am already a member of WVV, Inc.