



West Virginia Writers, Inc. 2012 Annual Writing Contest

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, 2012. **Late Entry Deadline:** If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2012, 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 WVW Annual Spring Competition are **not eligible**. Published works or those accepted for publication prior to January 1, 2012, 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 However, if less than 25% of the entry has been published, it will be considered unpublished.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 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: 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 9, 2012 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 wvwcontest@gmail.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

- # **Stage Play:** (all lengths) the Joe McCabe Memorial Playwriting Award.
- # **Nonfiction:** (up to 5,000 words) Includes article, essay and memoir.
- # **Children's Books:** (PB – YA) Submit 3 chapters or up to 5,000 words and 1-page synopsis. (Artwork cannot be considered.)
- # **Long Poetry:** Poetry 21 lines up to four 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:** the F. Ethan Fischer Memorial Poetry Award (any poetry form, up to four pages in length).
- # **Emerging Writers Prose:** Specify fiction or nonfiction (up to 5,000 words).
- # **Book Length Prose:** Fiction or nonfiction. Submit up to **7,500 words** and a 1-page synopsis. **\$12 ENTRY FEE ****
- # **Topic: Appalachian Writing** (up to 5,000 words). Prose or poetry.
- # **Topic: Humor** (up to 5,000 words). Prose or poetry.
- # **Topic: Genre Fiction.** SciFi, Fantasy or Horror (up to 5000 words)
- # **The Pearl Buck Award in Writing for Social Change:** (Nonfiction or poetry, up to 5000 words)

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, 2011, through June 30, 2012)

___ Next Year (July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013)

___ I am already a member of WVW, Inc.