



West Virginia Writers, Inc.  
New Mountain Voices  
2013 Student Writing Contest  
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Choose to write about one or more of the following six prompts:

- **“The Day Aliens Stole the \_\_\_\_\_”**  
(Aliens have stolen something vitally important. You decide what it is. And what are the consequences?)
- **“President for a Day”** (Through a strange series of events, you were somehow elected President in 2012, but only for a day. What would you do in the job?)
- **“Scared of the Goofa Man!”**  
(Legend has it the Goofa Man lives in the woods. People are scared of him. Who is he and why is he so terrifying?)
- **“Diary of a Pirate”** (Avast and Ya Harr! Ye must write a typical day for a pirate.)
- **“High School Survival Guide”**  
(Write a guidebook to surviving high school.)
- **“Stories from the Great Storm”**  
(The 2012 derecho affected the entire state. How did it affect you? What is your storm story?)

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West Virginia Writers, Inc. continues its annual writing contest for students in grades 1 - 12. There will be three prizes for each age group (1-5, 6-8, 9-12). Give us your best shot at any or all of the six prompts above.

OR write your own original story or poem.

**THERE'S NO ENTRY FEE**

**EACH AGE GROUP ABOVE WILL HAVE AWARDS FOR**

1ST PLACE - \$ 100.00 • 2ND PLACE - \$ 50.00 • 3RD PLACE - \$ 25.00

Please see official rules and entry form on second page.



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## OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

**Entry Fee:** There is no entry fee for this contest. Late fees, however, will apply after March 16, 2013 (see below).

**Deadline:** Entries must be postmarked between January 2 and March 15, 2013.

**Late Entry Deadline:** If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2013, add \$1.00 fee for each manuscript.

**Eligibility:** Entrant must be in grades 1 - 5 for the Elementary Competition, grades 6 - 8 for the Middle School Competition, or grades 9 - 12 for the High School Competition, and must be a West Virginia resident. All entries must be original work of the entrant. Works that have won a cash prize in any past WVV Competitions are **not eligible**. Published works or those accepted for publication prior to January 1, 2013, 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.) STORY (fiction or nonfiction) must be double-spaced. POETRY may be single-spaced. The work is limited to 2000 words. The category in which the manuscript is being entered should appear in the upper left corner of the first page of the manuscript. Artwork will not be considered in the judging. **The author's name**

**must NOT appear anywhere on the manuscript.** This entry form should be paper-clipped to the manuscript.

**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. Manuscripts will not be returned.

**Winners:** There will be one set of 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for each age group and the winners will be chosen from the best of all categories in each age group, as determined by the contest judges for that age group. Winners will be announced at WV Writers Annual Conference, June 8, 2013, 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**). 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.  
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Rt 2 Box 357  
Lewisburg, WV 24901

**Questions?** Email [wvwcontest@gmail.com](mailto:wvwcontest@gmail.com) or call 304-601-2460. Downloadable entry form and Frequently Asked Questions information is available at <http://www.wvwriters.org/contest.html>.

Title of Entry \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Category of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to become a member of WVV, 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.

LATE FEES (March 16-31, \$1 PER entry) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP (Optional) \$ 5.00

DONATION TO NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # OF ENTRIES \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_