



West Virginia Writers, Inc. 2014 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, 2014. **Late Entry Deadline:** If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2014, add \$2.00 fee per manuscript.

ELIGIBILITY: Contest is open to WV residents and current members of WVW, Inc. Entries must be original work of the entrant and must comply with category descriptions, limitations and procedures. Adaptation of the work of another writer is not eligible. Works that have won a cash prize in any past WVW competition are **not eligible**. Published works or those accepted for publication prior to January 1, 2014, are **not eligible**. A work will be considered published if it has been printed in a publication with a distribution of 1000 or more; if it has been published on a webpage that has received or could receive 1000 or more viewers annually; or if it has been independently published via a print-on-demand or ebook service. If less than 25% of the entry has been published, it will be considered unpublished.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.

CONTEST 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. Please **staple** or paperclip entries. Larger submissions may be placed in a clear document folder. Indicate entry category and word count in upper right hand corner of first page. **The author's name MUST NOT appear anywhere on the manuscript.** 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.

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.**

DISCLAIMER: WVW, Inc., and Contest Administrator are not responsible for manuscripts that are delayed, lost in the mail, mailed to the incorrect address, or damaged in delivery.

WINNERS: Winners will be announced at WVW Contest Awards Banquet, June 14, 2014 at Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV. For a list of winners, enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope or email address.

Please see the Contest **FREQUENTLY ASKED** Please see the Contest **FREQUENTLY ASKED** QUESTIONS list at www.wvwriters.org/contest.html

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

WEST VIRGINIA WRITERS, INC.
Eric Fritzius, Contest Coordinator
Rt 2 Box 357
Lewisburg, WV 24901

QUESTIONS? Email wvcontest@gmail.com. Downloadable entry form and additional information is available at <http://www.wvwriters.org/contest.html>.

ENTRY FEE \$10 PER ENTRY

Competition Category Descriptions

- # **Children's Books:** (Picture book/First Reader/Middle Grade) Submit 3 chapters or up to 5,000 words and 1-page synopsis. (Artwork may be included, but will be judged. Only send copies of art; do NOT send original art.)
- # **Short Poetry:** Poetry 20 lines or shorter in length; any form.
- # **Long Poetry:** Poetry 21 lines up to four pages in length; any form.
- # **Short Story:** Fiction (up to 5,000 words).
- # **Nonfiction:** (up to 5,000 words) Includes article, essay and memoir.
- # **Stageplay (the Joe McCabe Memorial Script Award):** Any length. (Submit up to a 30-page sample. If full play is over 30 pages, send additional 1-page synopsis of whole play.) Use standard script format.
- # **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/nonfiction/Young Adult. Submit up to 7,500 words and a 1-page synopsis. **\$12 ENTRY FEE ****
- # **Pearl S. Buck Writing for Social Change Award:** (Nonfiction or poetry, up to 5000 words on a topic related to social change)
- # **Topic— Appalachian Writing:** (up to 5,000 words), prose or poetry.
- # **Topic— Humor:** (up to 5,000 words), prose or poetry.
- # **Graphic Narrative:** (submit up to a 30-page script/sample) Can be a single issue of an all-original comic book or a sample from a larger original graphic novel work. Finished artwork optional. See wvwriters.org for script examples.

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, 2013, through June 30, 2014)

___ Next Year (July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015)

___ I am already a member of WVW, Inc.