



West Virginia Writers, Inc.
New Mountain Voices
2015 Student Writing Contest
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Choose to write about one or more of the following six prompts (or make up your own):

- “My First Day at Ninja School” (You have been accepted to Ninja School. What happens on the first day?)
- “The Day I was the Principal” (You get to run the school for a day. How will things change? What improvements will you make?)
- “The day my _____ disappeared” (Something of yours or someone you know has disappeared. Tell us the story.)
- “I never thought West Virginia was a Spooky Place Until...” (Tell us the story of why you think West Virginia can be a little spooky.)
- “I never believed in _____ until I met one” (What strange thing did you not believe in and why are you now a believer?)
- “They say you can’t _____, but I’m going to prove them wrong.” (Tell us what you’re going to prove them wrong about.)

West Virginia Writers, Inc. presents its **FREE** 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 of the writing 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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O F F I C I A L C O N T E S T R U L E S

ENTRY FEE: There is no entry fee for this contest. Late fees, however, will apply after March 16, 2015 (see below).

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked between January 2 and March 15, 2015.

LATE ENTRY DEADLINE: If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2015, 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, 2015, are **not eligible**. A work will be considered published if it has been printed in a publication with a distribution of 1,000 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 percent 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.) Entries with multiple pages should be secured with staples or paperclips. **Fiction or nonfiction** entries must be double-spaced. **Poetry** may be single-spaced. Each entry 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.

ENTRY LIMIT: There is a limit of three entries per student.

WINNERS: There will be one set of 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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 the awards banquet of the WV Writers Annual Conference, June 13, 2015, at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV. They will be posted to the WVV website by June 14. 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 entries in a single envelope, although each student must have a separate entry form with their submission.

MAIL TO:

**West Virginia Writers, Inc.
 Eric Fritzius
 RR 2 Box 357
 Lewisburg, WV 24901**

Questions? Email wvwcontest@gmail.com. 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 _____