



# West Virginia Writers, Inc. 2018 Annual Writing Contest

CASH PRIZES IN EVERY CATEGORY

**FIRST PLACE - \$200 • SECOND PLACE - \$100 • THIRD PLACE - \$50**

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## Competition Category Descriptions



- # **Short Poetry:** (Up to 20 lines) Poetry in any form.
- # **Long Poetry:** (More than 21 lines and up to four pages) Poetry in any form.
- # **Short Story:** (Up to 5,000 words) Fiction.
- # **Nonfiction:** (Up to 5,000 words) Article, essay, or memoir.
- # **Topic—Humor:** (5,000 words or fewer) Prose or poetry.
- # **Topic—Mystery:** (5,000 words or fewer) Mystery in prose short story format.
- # **Emerging Writers Prose:** (Up to 5,000 words). Specify fiction or nonfiction.
- # **Emerging Writers Poetry:** (Up to 5,000 words) *The F. Ethan Fischer Memorial Poetry Award*. Any poetry form.
- # **Children's Books:** (Three chapters, or up to 5,000 words and a one-page synopsis) Picture Book/First Reader. Artwork may be included but *will not* be judged. Send only copies of art, not originals.
- # **Social Change:** (Up to 5,000 words) *The Pearl S. Buck Award* (sponsored by the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace Foundation). Nonfiction or poetry, on a topic related to social change.
- # **Screenplay:** (Up to a 30-pages in standard screenplay format. If full screenplay is over 30 pages, send an additional one-page synopsis of whole screenplay.) *The Joe McCabe Memorial Script Award*.
- # **Book Length Prose\*\*:** (Up to **7,500 words** and a 1-page synopsis.) Specify fiction or nonfiction.
- # **Middle Grade Books/Young Adult Books\*\*:** (Up to **7,500 words** and a 1-page synopsis.) Specify Middle Grade or Young Adult, as well as fiction or nonfiction.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: ENTRY FEES FOR BOOK LENGTH PROSE AND MIDDLE GRADE BOOKS/YOUNG ADULT BOOKS CATEGORIES = \$12 each entry.**

Name _____	TOTAL # OF ENTRIES ____ X \$10	\$ _____ *
Address _____	TOTAL # OF ENTRIES ____ X \$12 **	\$ _____ *
City/State/Zip _____	LATE FEES (March 16-31, \$2 PER manuscript)	\$ _____ *
County _____	MEMBERSHIP	\$ _____
Phone _____	DONATION FOR NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES STUDENT WRITING CONTEST	\$ _____
Email _____	* Please Note: Starred fields are automatically calculated. TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____ *	

I certify I have both read and met all eligibility requirements.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

     Check here to receive WVW Newsletters via email only.

If mailing your submission(s), please enclose check or money order payable to *West Virginia Writers, Inc.*

**MEMBERSHIP (current membership required if not a resident of West Virginia): Adult \$20.00; College \$10.00; Student (under age 18) \$5.00.**

- Current Year (July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018)
- Next Year (July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019)
- I am already a member of WVW, Inc.

**PREFERRED SUBMISSION METHOD: Online at <https://westvirginiawriters.submittable.com/submit>**



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## OFFICIAL WRITING CONTEST RULES

**Submissions:** **PREFERRED METHOD:** Submit online at <https://westvirginiawriters.submittable.com/submit>. (Only electronic payments can be accepted for online entries). Mailed entries will also be accepted; fill out and mail this form with your check or money order to the address printed below. (No credit card payments can be accepted for mailed entries.) Only one entry form per person is necessary. **The entry fees are \$12 for Book Length and Middle Grade/YA Books and \$10 per entry for all other categories. [Please note that all fees paid to the contest are non-refundable.]**

**DEADLINE:** Online submissions will be accepted Jan. 1-Mar. 15, 2018. Mailed entries must be postmarked between Jan. 2 and Mar. 15, 2018. **Late Entry Deadline:** If submitted online or mailed between Mar. 16 and Mar. 31, 2018, 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, 2018, 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 1,000 or more viewers annually; or if it has been independently published via a print-on-demand or eBook service. If less than 25 percent 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:

- **This contest is blindly judged. 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.
- All manuscripts must be titled, typewritten in standard 12-point font, and double-spaced. (Poetry may be single-spaced.)
- Manuscripts may be entered in more than one category, provided the same title is used.
- Submit a separate manuscript and fee for each category you choose to enter.
- **Additional guidelines for mailed entries:**
  - Please print on one side of 8.5" x 11" white paper.
  - Please **staple**, paperclip, or binder clip entries.
  - Larger submissions may be placed in a document folder.
  - Send copies only. Manuscripts will NOT be returned.
  - All paper submissions will be destroyed 30 days after the Contest Awards Banquet.
  - **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.**
  - **DISCLAIMER:** WVW, Inc., and Contest Coordinator are not responsible for manuscripts that are delayed, lost in the mail, mailed to the incorrect address, or damaged in delivery.

**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.**

**WINNERS:** Winners will be announced at WVW Contest Awards Banquet, June 9, 2018 at Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV. The list of winners will be posted online following the event. To have a list of winners sent to you, please enclose your email address or a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

### ENTER ONLINE OR Mail to:

WEST VIRGINIA WRITERS, INC.  
Dreama Pritt, Contest Coordinator  
6543 Country Club Drive  
Huntington, WV 25705

Find answers to FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS and downloadable forms at [www.wvwriters.org/contest.html](http://www.wvwriters.org/contest.html).

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? Send an email to the contest coordinator at [wwwcontest@gmail.com](mailto:wwwcontest@gmail.com).