



West Virginia Writers, Inc.
New Mountain Voices
2019 Student Writing Contest
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Choose to write about one or more of the following six prompts (or create your own):

If I were President....

(You have been elected President of the United States. How do you react? What will you do to make the country better?)

Superfamily

(Everyone in your family has a superpower. Who has what power, and how do they work?)

Happy Birthday to You

(What was the best birthday present you ever got, and why?)

The Hardest Thing I Did Was....

(What was the most difficult decision you ever made? What made it hard, what did you choose, and why?)

The Bully

(Have you ever seen someone being bullied, or imagined how you would handle it if you did?)

Not Just a Story

(Which fictional character would you most like to see come to life? What would you say to them?)

**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.**

NO ENTRY FEE! IT'S FREE!

EACH AGE GROUP ABOVE WILL HAVE AWARDS FOR

1st place - \$ 100.00 2nd place - \$ 50.00 3rd PLACE - \$ 25.00

Enter online at westvirginiawriters.submittable.com

Please see official rules and entry form



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OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

ENTRY: There is a limit of three entries per student. There is **no entry fee**, but late fees will apply after March 16, 2019 (see below).

DEADLINE: Mailed entries must be postmarked between January 2 and March 15, 2019, online entries received between January 1 and March 15. **Late entries:** If mailed (or submitted online) between March 16 and March 31, 2019, 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. Public, private, or homeschool students are allowed. All entries must be original work of the entrant. Works that have won a cash prize in any past WVW Competitions are not eligible. Published works or those accepted for publication prior to January 1, 2019, 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. If less than 25 percent of the entry has been published, it will be considered unpublished.

GUIDELINES: If mailing, 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. WVW, Inc., and Contest Coordinator are not responsible for US Postal Service errors. Mailed manuscripts will not be returned.

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 8, 2019, at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV. They will be posted to the WVW website by June 15. 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.

We strongly encourage online entry. Visit westvirginiawriters.submittable.com

If not submitting online, mail to:
 WEST VIRGINIA WRITERS, INC.
 Brad Mills, Contest Coordinator
 PO Box 972
 Elkview, WV 25071

Questions? Email wvwcontest@gmail.com.

Downloadable entry form and FAQ is available at
<http://www.wvwriters.org/contest.html>.

Title of entry: _____

Category (1-5, 6-8, 9-12): _____

Student name: _____

Teacher: _____

County: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

Home address: _____

City / State / Zip _____

Home phone: _____

Email: _____

If you'd like us to send a winners' list to your local media, provide the email address of who should receive it.

TOTAL # OF ENTRIES	_____
LATE FEES (March 16-31, \$1 each)	\$ _____
MEMBERSHIP:	
_____ I would like to become a member of WVW, Inc. and receive a newsletter with writing tips, news, and articles and have opportunities to meet other writers. (if checked)	\$ 5.00
DONATION TO CONTEST	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Parent or teacher, sign / date below to indicate entry is sole and original work of this student.

Signed: _____ Date: _____