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# West Virginia Writers, Inc.
## 2017 Annual Writing Contest

**CASH PRIZES IN EVERY CATEGORY**

**FIRST PLACE - $250.00 • SECOND PLACE - $125.00 • THIRD PLACE - $75.00**

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## Competition Category Descriptions

#___**Short Poetry:** Poetry 20 lines or fewer 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.

#___**Emerging Writers Prose:** (up to 5,000 words). Specify fiction or nonfiction.

#___**Emerging Writers Poetry**: (Any poetry form, up to four pages in length*). The F. Ethan Fischer Memorial Poetry Award.*

#___**Book Length Prose:** (Fiction/Nonfiction/Young Adult) Submit up to **7,500 words** and a 1-page synopsis. **THIS CATEGORY HAS A $12 ENTRY FEE ****

#___**Children's Books:** (Picture book/First Reader/Middle Grade) Submit 3 chapters or up to 5,000 words and one-page synopsis. (Artwork may be included, but *will* be judged. Send only copies of art, not originals.)

#___**Pearl S. Buck Writing for Social Change Award:** (up to 5,000 words) nonfiction or poetry, on a topic related to social change)

#___**Short Plays:** (Stage plays running 15 minutes or fewer.) *The Joe McCabe Memorial Script Award.* Submit scripts of 15 pages or under.

#___**Topic—Appalachian Writing:** (up to 5,000 words), prose or poetry.

#___**Topic—The Flood:** (up to 5,000 words), prose or poetry on the topic of "The Flood," the meaning of which is up to the author's interpretation.

#___**Inspirational Writing:** (up to 5,000 words), prose or poetry of an inspirational nature.

**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** $_____

**TOTAL # OF ENTRIES ____ X $12 **** $_____

**LATE FEES (March 16-31, $2 PER manuscript)** $_____

**MEMBERSHIP** $_____

**DONATION FOR *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 West Virginia): Adult $20.00; College $10.00; Student (under age 18) $5.00.**

____ **Current Year (July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017)**

____ **Next Year (July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018)**

____ **I am already a member of WVW, Inc.**

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## OFFICIAL WRITING 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. **Entry fee is $10 per entry, or $12 for Book Length/YA.**

**DEADLINE**: Entries must be postmarked between January 2 and March 15, 2017. **Late Entry Deadline**: If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2017, 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, 2017, 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.**
- Send copies only. Manuscripts will NOT be returned.
- 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) on one side of 8.5 x 11 white paper.
- Please **staple** or paperclip entries.
- Manuscripts may be entered in more than one category, provided the same title is used.
- Submit a separate manuscript and fee for each category.
- Larger submissions may be placed in a document folder.
- No Returns: All submissions will be destroyed 30 days after the Contest Awards Banquet at our Summer Conference.

**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 10, 2017 at Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV. For a list of winners, enclose stamped, self-addressed envelope or email address.

**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**
**231 Lookout Lane**
**Lewisburg, WV 24901**

**QUESTIONS: email wvwcontest@gmail.com**

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