



231 Lookout Lane
Lewisburg, WV 24901

**Annual Writers Conference
TERRY MCNEMAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2017**

Thank you for your interest in the West Virginia Writers, Inc. Summer Writing Conference! West Virginia Writers, Inc. is the largest non-profit writers resource and service organization serving literary interests in West Virginia. In 2017, we celebrate 40 years of service to our members!

Our Annual Writers Conference is held the second weekend in June at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV. **This year's conference dates are June 9-11, 2017.** At the Conference, you will have a wonderful opportunity to work one-on-one with literary talent from across the state and the nation. Our Annual Writers Conference is held in a casual setting with encouraging, inspirational instructors and the warm, friendly members of WV Writers, providing attendees with the chance to network, gain one-on-one advice, and learn from published poets, authors, and literary agents. Informal, informative discussions abound! The three-day event also includes many social activities, including nightly entertainment (plays, live music, etc.) and a nightly bonfire, rain permitting. All meals, with the exception of the Saturday night Awards Banquet, are informal, allowing ample time for discussions with other writers, poets, and instructors.

In order to assist writers who may not be able to afford to come to the conference attend it, a scholarship fund has been established in the name of T.W. McNemar. Terry McNemar was a long time member and former president of West Virginia Writers, Inc., who passed away in 2015. He was a guiding light for the organization for many years, remembered for his generous spirit and his humor. He worked diligently both behind the scenes and on the stage of the board of directors itself to help keep the organization healthy and to help bring writers from our state and region into the fold. This was one of his passions. Many of our current members can cite Terry's influence on them in making the decision to come to the conference for the first time, not to mention continuing on the path toward improving their writing. As president, he arranged scholarships and internships for those who could not afford to come. His family wishes to continue his legacy in this by establishing this annual scholarship in his name.

The T.W. McNemar Scholarship is open to writers and aspiring writers who wish to improve their craft through the workshops offered at our annual Summer Conference, but who may not be able to afford to otherwise attend. The scholarship will include waived conference fees for the recipient(s), as well as room and meals paid for in full for the three day conference. Interested applicants may submit the attached application form and requested essay.



TERRY MCNEMAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017

Please complete the following and submit all attachments via email to _____ or mail to _____ no later than **Saturday, April 1, 2017**. Winners will be announced no later than Sunday, April 30, 2017. Please indicate the scholarship in the subject line. Completed application does not guarantee award of scholarship.

Applicant Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Is Applicant (circle one): **Under 18** **18 or Older**

Email: _____

Application Address: _____

Applicants Please Submit for Consideration:

A one page (or more) essay explaining why you would like to attend Conference, what your financial needs are, and what it would mean to you to have this opportunity. As a bonus, please include your favorite joke, dirty or clean, as Terry always liked a good joke. (The quality of the joke will not be a determining factor in awarding the scholarships; we just think Terry would have found it funny.)

Award of Scholarship:

Scholarships will be awarded based on need, quality of essay, and number of submissions received. Scholarship awards will be announced via email and/or telephone **by Sunday, April 30, 2017**.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT AGREEMENT West Virginia Writers, Inc. Annual Writers Conference

West Virginia Writers, Inc. (WVW) Responsibilities to Scholarship Recipient:

- Provide lodging for recipient for two (2) nights at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV, (Friday, and Saturday nights).
- Provide meals, (breakfast, lunch, and dinner, including Saturday's Awards Banquet Dinner), during the period of the WVW Annual Writers Conference.
- Waive conference registration/attendance fee of \$140.00.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

MAIL APPLICATION TO: T.W. McNemar Scholarship Fund, 231 Lookout Lane, Lewisburg, WV 24901