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**WEST VIRGINIA WRITERS, INC.**  
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**www.WVWriters.org**

## **WHO WE ARE**

West Virginia Writers was established in 1977 by invitation of the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council. We are the state's largest organization for writers.

With the support of members and sponsors, our all-volunteer organization fosters, assists, and coordinates statewide activities in support of writers and writing programs.

We are founded on the fundamental principle that the written word is one of the distinguishing characteristics of all human endeavors. Our aim is to expand and develop creative writing and professional opportunities for writers and to connect the state's writers with others in the literary community and the public at large.

The Executive Board: six officers, the president emeritus, and 10 regional representatives plan and conduct our year-round programs.

**President**, Steve Goff, Bristol  
**1st Vice President**, Elliot Parker, Huntington  
**2nd Vice President**, Dreama Pritt, Hurricane  
**Treasurer**, Grace Pritt, Huntington  
**Secretary**, Eric Fritzius, Lewisburg  
**Parliamentarian**, R.G. Yoho, Little Hocking, OH  
**President Emeritus**, Susan Nicholas, Huntington

### **OUR MISSION AND GOALS**

- Support and encourage serious writing activities within the writing community
- Establish a networking system for writers
- Promote writing as an art form
- Give voice to our people and way of life
- Educate the importance of writing
- Encourage appreciation of the literary arts
- Expand the horizons and deepen the appreciation of life, culture, and communication among writers and all citizens of West Virginia

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### WHAT WE DO

- Enhance our culture, our literature, the lives of our readers and writers, and West Virginia's future
- Provide frequently updated listings of events, writing contests, writing markets, writing classes and workshops of interest to writers in our region via our blog, at [blog.wvwriters.org](http://blog.wvwriters.org).
- Host a regular podcast featuring interviews with writers throughout Appalachia, [podcast.wvwriters.org](http://podcast.wvwriters.org).
- Help beginning writers find their way
- Encourage writers to persevere until they publish their work
- Serve writers at every stage of their development, in all genres
- Conduct an annual writers' conference
- Sponsor an annual writing competition
- Furnish an online newsletter
- Provide a quarterly mailed newsletter
- Coordinate regional workshops and readings.
- Provide networking among writers
- Bind a scattered multitude of writers into a cohesive group
- Conduct literary community outreach activities
- Hold regional workshops and readings
- Publish anthology of WVW award-winning works (available at Tamarack, local bookstores, and West Virginia Writers)

### WEST VIRGINIA WRITERS ANNUAL WRITING COMPETITION

- Established in 1982
- State's largest writing competition
- Open to West Virginia residents or members of WVW
- Adult, Student and Youth Categories
- Manuscripts accepted from January 1 through March 30
- Over \$148,000 in prize money awarded since 1982

### WEST VIRGINIA WRITERS ANNUAL WRITERS CONFERENCES (FALL AND SUMMER)

- ✓ One day Fall Conference to be held in October at the Days Inn Conference Center in Flatwoods.
- ✓ Three Day Summer Conference to be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of June at Cedar Lakes Conference Center. Ripley, W.Va.
- ✓ Summer Conference Established in 1978. It includes 3 days of writing workshops, 2 nights of live entertainment, Peoples' Choice Prose and Poetry Reading Competitions, Writers' Wall writing display and competition, Awards Banquet for the WVW Annual Writing Competition, bookstore, annual business meeting, and more.

### MEMBER BENEFITS

- Access to West Virginia Writers' Website and blog at [www.WVWriters.org](http://www.WVWriters.org).
- Quarterly newsletter with news about writing opportunities in the state, writing tips, and much more.
- E-mail newsletter with information on publishing, markets, and contests
- Fellowship with other writers.
- Information on how to contact other writers and speakers and how to organize local writing and reading projects.
- Registration discount at annual conference equal to \$20 membership fee.
- Online Critique Group for writers.
- Online Roundtable - an online discussion group for writers.
- Support of local and regional writing groups.
- Promotion for your published work through WV Writers press releases and newsletter page.

### **WEST VIRGINIA WRITERS, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** Please Print or Type Information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

REFERRED BY \_\_\_\_\_

- Adult memberships \$20/year
- College student (under age 25) memberships \$10/year
- Youth membership (under age 18) \$5/year (Due annually on July 1)

### **MAIL CHECK AND APPLICATION TO:**

**WEST VIRGINIA WRITERS, INC.**  
c/o Grace Pritt  
138 Hidden Valley Estates  
Scott Depot, WV 25560

**Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for  
membership processing.**

Questions?

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