

NO ENTRY FEE! IT'S FREE!

NEW THIS YEAR: ONLINE SUBMISSIONS!

Choose to write about one or more of the following six prompts (or create your own):

“My Favorite Place”

(Describe your favorite place. Why is it your favorite place? When were you there and/or when will you go back?)



“Rhyme Me Nots”

(Write a poem that does not rhyme or that rhymes in unexpected ways, or write a short story with lines that rhyme.)



“Snowball”



(Tell a “snowball” story! Maybe it is about a day off school, a snowball battle, a winter dance, or something else entirely.)

“Millennial”

(What would your life be like if you were born one thousand years in the past or one thousand years in the future?)

1000s or 3000s?

“Change the World”

(Our world or a fictional world has a big problem that needs fixing. Take a serious or humorous look at the problem-solving plan.)



“Mystery and Magic”

(Get to the bottom of a mysterious happening, enter a magical realm, or combine the two!)



West Virginia Writers, Inc. presents its FREE annual writing contest for students in grades 1 - 12. Give us your best shot at any of the writing prompts above OR write your own original story or poem.

Please see official rules and entry form on second page.

**THREE AWARDS FOR EACH OF THREE AGE GROUPS:
 [ELEMENTARY (**GRADES 1-5**), MIDDLE (**GRADES 6-8**), AND HIGH SCHOOL(**GRADES 9-12**)]**

1ST PLACE - \$ 100.00 • 2ND PLACE - \$ 50.00 • 3RD PLACE - \$ 25.00



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West Virginia Writers, Inc.
New Mountain Voices
2018 Student Writing Contest
www.wvwriters.org

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

ENTRY FEE: This contest has no entry fee. Late fees, however, will apply after Mar. 16, 2018 (see below).

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 \$1 late fee per entry.

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. All entries must be original work of the entrant. Works that have won a cash prize in any past WVV Competitions are not eligible.

WINNERS: There will be one set of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for each age group. The winners will be chosen from the best of all categories in each age group, as determined by the contest judge(s).

JUDGING: Judges will not critique manuscripts. Entrants, parents, or teachers may not contact judges during or after the contest. Any attempt to do so will result in automatic disqualification without refund of fees. Decisions of the judges are final.

Find answers to FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS and downloadable forms at www.wvwriters.org/contest.html.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? Send an email to the contest coordinator at wwwcontest@gmail.com.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: (Up to 3 entries per student.)

- PREFERRED METHOD: Submit online at https://westvirginiawriters.submittable.com/submit.
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. Each entry is limited to 2000 words.
All manuscripts must be titled, typewritten in standard 12-point font, and double-spaced. (Poetry may be single-spaced.)
Mailed entries will also be accepted. Only one entry form per person is necessary.
Additional guidelines for mailed entries:
Please print on one side of 8.5" x 11" white paper.
Please staple, paperclip, or binder clip entries.
Send copies only. Manuscripts will NOT be returned.
All paper submissions will be destroyed 30 days after the Awards Banquet.
Entries may be sent through regular mail only—NO signature-required mail will be accepted—with check or money order (if applicable) payable to West Virginia Writers, Inc.
DISCLAIMER: WVV, 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.
Mail to: WEST VIRGINIA WRITERS, INC. Dreama Pritt, Contest Coordinator 6543 Country Club Drive Huntington, WV 25705

Student Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

County _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parent Name _____

School _____ Grade _____

Teacher Name _____

Entry 1 Title: _____

Entry 2 Title: _____

Entry 3 Title: _____

LATE FEES (March 16-31, \$1 PER manuscript) \$ _____

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP – Optional (\$5) \$ _____

DONATION FOR NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES STUDENT WRITING CONTEST – Optional \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

PARENT OR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

I certify that the entry submitted is the sole and original work of this student. (Note: A parent or teacher may type the entry.)

Signature/Date _____