



West Virginia Writers, Inc.
New Mountain Voices
2020 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 the Mayor of my town....

(You have been elected Mayor of your town or city. How do you react? What is the first thing you will do to make it better?)

If you could time-travel to the past...

(If you could travel back in time, when would you want to live, who would you be, and what would you do?)

Who is your favorite sports hero...

(Tell us about your sports hero and what makes him/her special.)

If you could time-travel to the future...

(If you could travel to the future what do you think the world would be like? Describe your city and what you do in it.)

Magical Powers....

(You have been granted three magical powers. What are they and how would you use them to help the world?)

Not Just a Story

(Which fictional character would you most like to share pizza with? What would you talk about?)

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

Please see official rules and entry form on next page.

Enter Online Via Submittable: westvirginiawriters.submittable.com



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OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

ENTRY FEE: There is no entry fee for this contest. Late fees, however, will apply after March 16, 2020 (see below).

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked between January 2 and March 15, 2020. **Late entries:** If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2020, 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 WVV Competitions are not eligible. Published works or those accepted for publication prior to January 1, 2020, 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. However, if less than 25 percent of the entry has been published, it will be considered unpublished.

GUIDELINES: 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.

DISCLAIMER: WVV, Inc., and Contest Administrator are not responsible for manuscripts that are delayed, lost in the mail, mailed to the wrong address, or damaged in delivery. Manuscripts will not be returned.

ENTRY LIMIT: There is a limit of three entries per student.

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 13, 2020, at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV. They will be posted to the WVV 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. Or enter via Submittable at westvirginiawriters.submittable.com

Title of Entry _____

 Student Name _____
 Category of Entry _____
 County _____ School _____
 Teacher _____ 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 (remember, there is no entry fee.) _____
MEMBERSHIP: I would like to become a member of WVV, Inc., and receive a quarterly newsletter with writing tips, news, and articles, receive discounts at writing events, and have opportunities to meet or join an email group with other writers. **\$5.00 (if checked)** _____
LATE FEES (March 16-31, \$1 PER entry) \$ _____
DONATION TO NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

PARENT OR TEACHER CERTIFICATION
 I certify that the entry submitted is the sole and original work of this student.
 Parent or Teacher Signature _____ Date _____

MAIL TO: WEST VIRGINIA WRITERS, INC.
 Carter Seaton, Contest Coordinator
 1239 Kanawha Terrace
 Huntington, WV 25701

Questions? Email wwwcontest@gmail.com.
 Downloadable entry form and FAQ is available at
<http://www.wvwriters.org/contest.html>.