



West Virginia Writers, Inc.  
New Mountain Voices  
2023 Student Writing Contest  
www.wvwriters.org

West Virginia Writers, Inc. presents its **FREE** annual writing contest for students in grades K - 12. Give us your best original story or poem.

EACH AGE GROUP (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) WILL HAVE AWARDS FOR  
1st place - \$ 100.00      2nd place - \$ 50.00      3rd PLACE - \$ 25.00

### OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

**ENTRY FEE:** There is no entry fee for this contest. Late fees, however, will apply after March 16, 2023 (see below).

**DEADLINE:** Entries must be postmarked between January 2 and March 15, 2023. **Late entries:** If mailed between March 16 and March 31, 2023, add \$1.00 fee for each manuscript.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Entrant must be in grades K - 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, 2022, 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 However, if less than 25 percent of the entry has been published, it will be considered unpublished.

### **NOTE SUBMISSION CHANGES:**

We prefer electronic submissions at: <https://form.jotform.com/213395302783154>. **Submissions must be in Word format.** If you use Google docs. save your entry as a **Word doc**. To pay for your entry, click the link at the end of the electronic entry form. If you must use snail mail, attach your entry form, your check, and your entry (entries) without your name and send all three documents to:

**Carter Seaton, Contest Coordinator, 1239 Kanawha Terrace, Huntington, WV 25701.**

**For mailed entries:** 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 2,000 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. **MAIL ENTRIES** by regular mail only (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. **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 10, 2023, 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



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Title of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Category of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd like us to send a winners' list to your local media, provide the email address of who should receive it.  
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TOTAL # OF ENTRIES (remember, there is no entry fee.) \_\_\_\_\_

LATE FEES (March 16-31, \$1 PER entry) \$\_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to become a member of WVW, Inc., and receive a quarterly emailed 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)

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:**

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1239 Kanawha Terrace  
Huntington, WV 25701

**Questions?** Email [wvwcontest@gmail.com](mailto:wvwcontest@gmail.com).

Downloadable entry form and FAQ is available at  
<http://www.wvwriters.org/contest.html>.