

# WV YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST 2023

Held since 1984, the WV Young Writers Contest is supported by funds provided by the State of West Virginia to Marshall University for use by the Central West Virginia Writing Project (CWVWP). The contest is organized by CWVWP, which is housed at Marshall University's South Charleston campus, with the help of the WV Department of Education

## Who May Participate?

Any student in grades 1-12. Students in private schools within the county district may participate. Home-schooled students may participate, subject to the guidelines and supervision by the county where they reside.

## Entry Guidelines

Entries submitted for state competition are grouped by the categories below and **must not** exceed the following word length limits:

- Grades 1-2 300 words
- Grades 3-4 500 words
- Grades 5-6; 7-8 800 words
- Grades 9-10 1,000 words
- Grades 11-12 1,200 words

## How to Submit an Entry

County Coordinators submit winning entries and related documents to the state-level contest. No entries will be accepted from students, teachers, or school personnel.

## Winners Receive

First-place county winners from each of the six contest categories will receive commemorative certificates and be treated to workshops with published authors/presenters on WV Young Writers Day. State winners in each of the six contest categories will receive checks of \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place.

## Young Writers Awards Ceremony

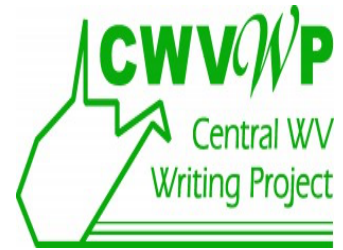
University of Charleston  
Charleston, WV  
May 5, 2023

Contest forms and submission directions can be found on the CWVWP/YWC website page:

<http://www.marshall.edu/cwvwp/young-writers/contest/>

and at the West Virginia Department of Education website:

<https://wvde.us/middle-secondary-learning/ela/student-programs/>



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR CONTEST

**SCHOOL ENTRIES  
SUBMITTED TO  
COUNTY  
COORDINATORS  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**COUNTY LEVEL  
WINNERS  
SUBMITTED TO  
BLACKBOARD BY:  
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

**YOUNG WRITER'S  
DAY:  
May 5, 2023**

