

Young Writers Contest
Important Dates 2026-2027

September 24, 2026	County Coordinators virtual meeting
September 25, 2026	Contest information and forms updated on WVDE and MU/CWVWP sites. Documents emailed to county coordinators, virtual schools, and homeschool groups
February 12, 2027	All school entries sent to County Coordinator with completed cover sheets. County judging begins.
January 18, 2027	Marshall University submission portal opens
March 1, 2027	Last day for County Coordinators to upload Cover Sheet information, Permission Release Forms, and winning entries to the MU Submission Portal.
March 6, 2027	Judging of entries
March 15, 2027	Draft of Young Writers Day schedule sent to County Coordinators and published on CWVWP/YWD and WVDE websites
March 15-19, 2027	State winners notified. County Coordinators contact all county winners, and gather information on students, parents, and teachers participating in YWD.
March 1-April 12, 2027	Open registration to attend Young Writers Day WVDE site. County Coordinators enter the information on County participants at YWD.
April 12, 2027	Last day County Coordinators can register YWD attendees on the WVDE site.
May 7, 2027	Young Writers Day at the University of Charleston