



West Virginia Young Writers Contest Plagiarism Policy

Teachers: Please share this important information with students and parents.

- The Young Writers Contest celebrates and expects original work from students at every grade level.
- **Plagiarism** is using part or all of someone else's work, including generative AI, and taking credit for it as your own. Plagiarism is considered unethical behavior and is unacceptable for the Young Writers Contest.
- All young authors should discuss their submissions with parents and teachers and make sure to use their own ideas and their own words.
- The Young Writers Contest follows Marshall University's policy against plagiarism. In accordance with this policy, **the County Coordinator will submit all Young Writer entries to the anti-plagiarism tool, SafeAssign.**
- The penalty for plagiarism is notification to the sponsoring teacher and exclusion of the entry from the contest. For more information about Marshall University's academic honesty policy, visit: <http://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs/policies/>