



2023 Scholarship Contest

Awards

It is the goal of the Writers Series of Traverse City in partnership with the Community Foundation to support young writers by recognizing their work and awarding scholarships. A total of \$4,000 will be available each year to be distributed at the Writers Series' discretion in the categories of fiction, nonfiction, journalism and poetry. Multiple scholarships may be awarded.

Eligibility

Eligible writers must be an 11th or 12th grader during the 2022/2023 school year with a permanent residential address in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, or Leelanau County; and attend public, parochial, private or home school.

Submission Guidelines

Students may submit only once and in one category. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Submissions will be accepted from January 13, 2023 to March 1, 2023 at 11:59p.m. Visit www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/apply for the complete writing/submission instructions, sample manuscript and to begin the application process. If submitted work has been previously published, the author must affirm that he/she holds clear copyright to the material.

Judging

Manuscripts will be read by the National Writers Series scholarship committee, comprised of Michigan writers who are specialists in the genres they are judging. By accepting a scholarship, the winners agree to an editorial revision process with the National Writers Series for the *National Writers Series Literary Journal*.

General Guidelines for Fiction, Nonfiction and Journalism Submissions

- The title page must have the title of the work in the center. Under the title, indicate if the submission is fiction, nonfiction or journalism. There should be **no identifying information** (e.g. your name, grade, or school) on the title page or anywhere in the submission. All written pieces are reviewed anonymously to ensure fair and equitable judging.
- Double-space the text of your submission, and use Times New Roman font. The font size should be 12 pt.
- Your first page (following the title page) should have the title of the work at the top.
- Create a footer that includes your title and the page numbers. **Do not include your name.**
- Maximum length: 2,000 words. If your work is longer, you may submit an excerpt.

General Guidelines for Poetry Submissions

- Only one poem per page. Start each new poem on a new page. Maximum three pages of poetry. For example, if a poem is two pages long, you can add one more one-page poem.
- If a poem exceeds one page, continue on second page. Make sure poem title is in a footer.
- Use Times New Roman, 12 pt. font.
- The title page must have the title of the work in the center. The word “Poetry” should be under the title. No other identifying information should appear on the title page or anywhere else in the manuscript.

Additional Scholarship Information

- Manuscripts will be read in March by the National Writers Series Scholarship committee, comprised of Michigan writers who are specialists in the genres they are judging.
- All applicants will be contacted by the Community Foundation and the National Writers Series scholarship committee by mid-April. Winners will be recognized at an NWS author event in 2023.
- By accepting a scholarship, the winners agree to an editorial revision process with the National Writers Series for the *National Writers Series Literary Journal*.

If you have questions regarding the online application process, please contact Gina Thornbury at the Community Foundation at gthornbury@gtcrf.org or 231-935-4066.