



2019 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 \$3,000 will be available each year to be distributed at the Writers Series' discretion in the categories of poetry, fiction and nonfiction. Multiple scholarships may be awarded.

Eligibility

Eligible writers must be residents of Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, or Leelanau County; attend public, parochial or home school; and be a junior or a senior during the 2018/2019 school year.

Submission Guidelines

Students may submit only once and in one category. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

Submissions will be accepted from January 15, 2019 to March 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Visit www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/apply-for-a-scholarship 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 authors, poets and teachers, knowledgeable in the genres they are judging. By accepting a scholarship, winners agree to an editorial/revision process with a contest reader and permission for their submissions to be published in the NWS Literary Journal. Writers will retain all rights to their material.

General Guidelines for Fiction and Nonfiction Submissions

- The title page must have the title of the work in the center. Under the title, if the work is prose, indicate if it is fiction or nonfiction. There should be no identifying information on the title page or anywhere in the submission.
- Double-space the text of your paper, and use Times New Roman font. The font size should be 12 pt.
- Leave only one space after periods or other punctuation marks. Set the margins of your document to 1 inch on all sides. Your first page should have the title and begin about one-third down the page.
- Indent the first line of paragraphs one half-inch from the left margin. MLA recommends that you use the Tab key as opposed to pushing the Space Bar five times.
- Create a footer that includes your title in the lower left-hand corner at the left margin and numbers all pages consecutively in the lower right-hand corner, at the right margin.
- Maximum length: 2,000 words. If your work is longer, you may submit an excerpt.
- Please see sample nonfiction manuscript, ["Paper Dragons"](#) by Abby Woughter, 2010 and 2011 scholarship winner.

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, at left margin with page number against right margin.
 - Maximum number of lines per page is 32 including double-spacing. Single space lines within stanzas. Double space between stanzas.
 - Leave only one space after periods or other punctuation marks. Set the margins of your document to 1 inch on all sides.
 - 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.
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