**GFWC WV Writing Contests**

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GFWC sponsors Creative Writing Contests for members and community youth in the categories of short stories and poetry.

**GFWC WV Member entries** must be sent to Teresa McNeely, Contest Chairman, by February 1st.

**GFWC MEMBER CONTESTS**

• Authors must be dues-paying members of an active per capita club.

• Entries must be:

- Typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only

- Have minimum margins of one inch on all four sides

- On 8.5 x11-inch paper

• Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).

• Entries must have the following on the top right-hand corner of each page:

- Author’s name, email address, mailing address, and phone number

- Name of author’s GFWC club and State Federation

- Category

- Title of work

• Authors must be amateurs; earnings from writing may not exceed $500 annually.

• Entries may not have been published prior to the competition and must be original works by the

author.

• A signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be included with each submission.

• Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.

• Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.

• One entry per member per category

**Youth entries** must be sent to Teresa McNeely, Contest Chairman, by February 1st.

**GFWC Youth Contests**

• Entries must be:

- Typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only

- Have minimum margins of one inch on all four sides

- On 8.5 x11-inch paper

• Entries must be written during the contest year (January 1-December 31).

• Entries must have the following on the top right-hand corner of each page:

- Author’s name, email address, mailing address, and phone number

- Name of the GFWC club and State Federation submitting author’s work

- Category

- Title of work

- Grade Level Category

• Category 1: Grades K, 1, and 2

• Category 2: Grades 3, 4, and 5

• Category 3: Grades 6, 7, and 8

• Category 4: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

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author.

• A signed GFWC Creative Arts Waiver must be included with each submission.

• One entry per person per category.

• Short stories are limited to 2,000 words.

• Poetry entries can be any style, with a minimum length of eight lines and a maximum of 50 lines.

• The Six Traits of Writing will be used in the judging of the Youth Writing Contest

Winners of Members and Youth Contests at the GFWC WV state level will be sent to GFWC, by the State Contest Chairman, by April 1 for judging in the National Contests.

The youth entries will also be included in the GFWC WV Pennies for Art Contest for monetary awards.

**GFWC WV Pennies for Art Awards Breakdown**

The overall award goes to the school the student attends.

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|  | Grades | Overall | 1st Place |
| Writing | K-2 |  | $        50.00 |
|  | 3rd-5th |  | $        50.00 |
|  | 6th-8th |  | $        50.00 |
|  | 9th-12th |  | $        50.00 |
|  | Overall | $  100.00 |  |
| Poetry | K-2 |  | $        50.00 |
|  | 3rd-5th |  | $        50.00 |
|  | 6th-8th |  | $        50.00 |
|  | 9th-12th |  | $        50.00 |
|  | Overall | $  100.00 |  |

**Clarifications:**

• Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should keep a copy.

• By submitting your short story or poem to GFWC, you are providing GFWC with a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license the work in any media known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

Contact your local schools and tell your members about the contests.

Specific guidelines are included in this packet.

GFWC CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER



With my signature I declare that:

I have created the submitted work, entitled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.

With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe on the copyright of other persons or entities.

The work in question is (please check one): Photography Poetry Short Story

I grant the General Federation of Women’s Clubs a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.

I agree that I shall not release the work to any other publication in the same or substantially similar form, without prior written and explicit consent from the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

This agreement shall become effective and binding on the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

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Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under 18 years of age) Date