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# The Virginia Writers Club, Inc.

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## Golden Nib Writing Contest

### TEEN DIVISION

POETRY    FICTION    NON-FICTION

**DEADLINE – OCTOBER 1, 2009**

#### CONTEST INFORMATION

- All entrants must be members of the Young Virginia Writers Club (YVWC). Any teen writer in a middle school or high school (*public, private, alternative or homeschooled*) is eligible for FREE YVWC membership. A YVWC Membership Application is attached to complete and mail with contest submission.
- The YVWC is not responsible for contest submissions delivered late or lost in the mail.
- Only unpublished manuscripts will be accepted. Manuscripts must not have won first place in any other writing contest.
- Submissions not in accordance with format and other rules will be disqualified.
- The Virginia Writers Club reserves the right to post a list of winners on our website and to post winning entries for a period of up to one year. After the contest, all rights revert to the author.

#### FORMAT

- Cover sheet including name, address, contest category (poetry, fiction or non-fiction) and title. All other pages with title, contest category and page number in header only. *If author's name appears on any page of the manuscript other than the cover sheet, the entry will be disqualified.*
- Submissions must include 2 copies of manuscript.
- Manuscripts must be in 12 pitch Times New Roman type.
- Manuscript is to be double spaced on 8-1/2 x 11 inch white paper with a one-inch left margin, ragged right margin and a one-inch top and bottom margin. *Poetry may be single spaced.*

#### DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES

Limit (1) entry per category in appropriate division.

- MIDDLE SCHOOL: Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction
- HIGH SCHOOL: Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction

#### LENGTH

- Poetry has a 40-line limit.
- Fiction and Nonfiction has a 1,500 word limit.

#### SUBMISSION:

Entries must be received by **OCTOBER 1, 2009** deadline (*no exceptions*).

Send entries to: Linda Layne, YVWC Chairperson, P. O. Box 115, Bremono Bluff, VA 23022

#### CONTEST AWARDS (in each division and category)

**1st Place (\$50)    2nd Place (\$25)    3rd Place (\$10)**

Winners will be notified by mail by November 1, 2009.

*A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of writers and poets, screenwriters and playwrights, journalists and essayists, and other publishing professionals whose purpose is to support and stimulate the art, craft and business of writing, as well as advocate the literary arts in the broader Virginia community.*



# Young Virginia Writers Club (YVWC)

A teen division of the Virginia Writers Club, Inc. founded in 1918

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is FREE and open to all middle school and high school level students regardless of race, gender, national origin, religion or disability.

**Parent/Guardian permission required.**

### STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Closest Major City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Attending:  Public School  Private School  Homeschool  Alternative School  Other

Current Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ SEX  Female  Male

Name of School or Other Facility you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**NEWSLETTERS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send  By Mail  By E-mail

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name of Parent/Guardian (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address  same as above, or \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #  same as above, or (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #  same as above, or (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK IF APPLICABLE:

Yes, I'm willing to volunteer for activities when I'm able

I have experience in the writing and/or publishing field, I'm willing to:

assist with activity planning/coordination  be a guest speaker  participate in fund-raising activities

YES, you have permission to include my child's image as he/she participates in Young Virginia Writers Club activities. (Photos are for YVWC publications and publicity. Photos will not be posted on the Internet.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature (REQUIRED)

MAIL TO: Linda Layne, YVWC Chairperson · P.O. Box 115 · Bremo Bluff, Virginia 23022

FOR MORE INFORMATION: PHONE (434) 842-6203 E-MAIL [YVWC@aol.com](mailto:YVWC@aol.com)



The **Young Virginia Writers Club (YVWC)**, established in 2002, is a teen division of the **Virginia Writers Club, Inc. (VWC)** founded in 1918. The mission of the YVWC is to encourage and assist middle school and high school level students in the development of their writing talents. Activities include an annual statewide Young Writers Conference and Writing Contest, networking with volunteer mentors from the Virginia Writers Club, and local club meetings in areas where five or more YVWC members gather regularly under the supervision and guidance of an adult advisor.

If a student desires to be published or explore how their writing talent may be utilized in a career environment, membership in the YVWC provides a rewarding opportunity to learn from published authors, professionals in the publishing industry and business leaders. Local meetings provide the added benefits of: fellowshipping with peers, participation in programs introducing the craft and business of most writing genres, career coaching, and involvement in the community.

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Linda M. Layne, YVWC Chairperson

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