



Go West, Young Writer!

New! Call for entries - July 1, 2023 to September 8, 2023

All high school students in grades 9-12, ages 13-19, living in the US and outside the US, are invited to send their **unpublished** short written works in nonfiction, fiction, or poetry/songwriting to the Women Writing the West® High School Writing Contest. All entries must be submitted in English.

Entries should recognize women's and girls' stories and their contribution to the history, culture and growth of the North American West, defined by WWW as anywhere on the North American continent west of the Mississippi River, including Alaska and Hawaii, Canada west of Ontario, and Mexico.

One Entry Per Student. Entry fees are underwritten by WWW's generous donors.

Monetary awards will be presented to the top three Winners in the three award categories and they will be recognized during WWW's annual Conference in October.



WWW WILLA Youth Award for Poetry/Songwriting

Poetry - 25 lines max, 3 lines max for Haiku, limit 3 Haikus
Songwriting - 2 verses & chorus; bridge optional



WWW LAURA Youth Award for Short Fiction

Short prose stories - 1,500-2,000 words



WWW DOWNING Youth Award for Nonfiction/Journalism

Articles, bios or event reports - 500-700 words

Submissions not following Guidelines will be automatically disqualified

See Rubrics and Guidelines at -

<https://www.womenwritingthewest.org/www-high-school-writing-contest/>

For more information, contact Coordinator at -

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