



The HIGH SCHOOL

WRITING CONTEST

Submissions: August 15 - September 30

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.



The WILLA
YOUTH AWARD
for Poetry/Songwriting

The WILLA Youth Award for Poetry/Songwriting

Poetry - 25 lines max

Haiku - 3 lines max; limit 3 haikus

Songwriting - 2 verses & chorus; bridge optional



The LAURA
YOUTH AWARD
for Short Fiction

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Short prose stories -

1,500 to 2,000 words



The DOWNING
YOUTH AWARD
for Nonfiction / Journalism

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Journalism**

Articles, bios or event reports -
500 to 700 words

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