

**GUIDELINES FOR 2022 CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST**  
**sponsored by**  
**WYTHEVILLE CHAUTAUQUA FESTIVAL**  
**June 17-25, 2022**

This contest is sponsored by the Wytheville Chautauqua Festival and is open to all amateur writers. Below is the information you will need to enter the contest.

CATEGORIES:                      Short story—under 5,000 words  
    Essay—under 2,000 words  
    Poetry—under 50 lines

AGE GROUPS:                      Students, 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grades  
    Students, 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades  
    Adult Category (including college students)

PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded in each category if the judges determine the quality of the entries merits recognition. First, second and third place prizes will be given, ranging from \$10 to \$50.

RULES:

1. The contest is open only to amateur writers. You will be considered professional if you receive at least one third of your income from writing or if you teach creative writing at the college level.
2. Do not submit works that have been previously published.
3. Submit only one manuscript per category (i.e., only one poem, one essay, one short story), but enter as many categories as you wish.
4. Submit two typed originals or typed photocopies, one to be retained by committee, one to be sent to judges. Please retain a copy of your manuscript, as none will be returned. Teachers, please ask your students to provide a bibliography for any research material they use in essays.
5. **Include with each manuscript a removable entry form containing your name, address, phone number, email address, age group, and the literary category.** Your name should not appear on any other page. You may also email your entry (one copy only) to [julia.tomiak@gmail.com](mailto:julia.tomiak@gmail.com). Include the entry form as a separate document.
6. Enclose a check or money order for \$15 for the entry fee for each Adult Category. No entry fee for 6-12th grade students. **Make checks payable to Wythe Arts Council.**
7. Send entries c/o Julia Tomiak, Chair, Chautauqua Creative Writing Contest, P.O. Box 967, Wytheville, VA, 24382. Entries may also be emailed to [julia.tomiak@gmail.com](mailto:julia.tomiak@gmail.com). **Emailed entries must have a subject line with “Chautauqua Creative Writing,” the age group, and the category.** The entry attachment must be formatted in a Word doc. or saved as a pdf. **Entries must be postmarked by May 20, 2022.**
8. Winners will be notified prior to June 17, 2022. Non-winners will not be notified.
9. Awards will be presented at the Chautauqua Festival’s Creative Writing Day on Friday, June 24, 2022, 10am-12pm at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 330 Church St. Wytheville. Winners will be asked to attend to receive their prizes.

# **Chautauqua Creative Writing Contest**

## **Entry Form**

Include with all submissions

Name:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Age group:

Category: