

Missouri Writers Guild 2019 President's Contest

President's Contest Categories

Walter Williams Award

Named in honor of the founder of the MWG. This should be a major work, whether in book form or in some other form of publication that is worthy of special recognition because of the research or high literary quality involved in its creation.

This award is open to any type of publication or production, including fiction, nonfiction, scripts, poetry (as in a poetry collection in a book), books, and anthologies (if sole author or editor) published in the last calendar year (2018). *Self-published books are not allowed in this category.*

You must be a member of the Guild to enter this category.

“Show Me” Your Best Award

This award is for a work of fiction, nonfiction, or poetry published in book form. The book must have Missouri incorporated into it, showing the appreciation for the people, land, and culture of the state.

Howard Kelly Holladay Memorial Award for the Best Article or Essay on U. S. Military History

This award is for the best nonfiction article or essay published in a magazine, newspaper, or anthology during the previous year related to any aspect of American military history.

Best Magazine Article

Best Newspaper Article

Best Column

Best MWG Chapter Anthology

Best Short Story

May be published in a magazine, newspaper, book, or anthology, and be paid in dollars or copies.

Best Juvenile Short Work (non-book)

May be published in a magazine, newspaper, book, or anthology. Should be for children or young adult audiences.

Best Poem

Best Young Author Short Story

Open to aspiring authors ages 12-18. Must also submit parent/guardian permission slip if under 18. Up to 2500 words.

(Note: The president reserves the right to consolidate or cancel categories receiving fewer than seven unique entries.)

Rules and Guidelines

1. The President's Contest categories are open to any US writer, with the exception of the Walter Williams Award. This category is ONLY open to members of the Missouri Writers Guild. In cases of co-authorship, both authors must meet this criterion.

2. All works must have been published, presented, or performed in the 2018 calendar year.

3. The entry fee for all contests is \$15.

3. Entries must have received a royalty or payment for the writer, whether from a publisher or through independent publishing.

4. Electronic entries (book, newspaper, or magazine) may be entered in any appropriate category.

5. Multiple categories may be entered, with a separate entry fee for each.

6. Only one submission per category is allowed.

7. May not submit the same work in more than one category.

8. All books must have an ISBN.

Submission Procedures for President's Contests

Poor quality submissions will be disqualified. Therefore, entries that are tattered, smeared, difficult to read, poor quality photocopy, or otherwise unprofessional looking may be disqualified.

1. Books (Walter Williams, Show Me, Chapter Anthology):

Send one copy of print book. Send .pdf or Mobi file of eBook. Books will not be returned, but donated to libraries, schools, or Missouri Writers Guild chapters. See #8 below for mailing addresses.

2. Newspaper article or column, magazine article, poem, short story:

Send one copy of each entry, as published. Photocopy is acceptable for articles and poems. Send printout of electronic publications or valid link to

president@missouriwritersguild.org

3. Materials submitted for the contest will not be returned.

4. With each entry, send a cover sheet which includes:

The writer's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, and the title of the submission and the publisher's name and date of publication.

5. Entry fee:

Entry fees should be remitted by check or money order, payable to the Missouri Writers Guild, in the total amount for all entries submitted. Checks or money orders may be mailed to:

Missouri Writers Guild, PO Box 190235, St. Louis 63119-9998

Alternatively, the entry fee may be paid through PayPal, using our PayPal recipient address:

PayPal-alert@MissouriWritersGuild.org

6. Disqualification: Entries that do not follow the guidelines will be disqualified and the entry fee will not be returned. Any entries not meeting the requirements of these rules may be disqualified at the discretion of the contest coordinator of the Missouri Writers Guild Contest.

7. Entry period/deadline: Submissions for the President's Contests must be postmarked between January 1, 2018, and midnight January 31, 2019. MWG is not responsible for any lost or misdirected mail or mail with insufficient postage.

8. Mail physical book entries with sufficient postage to the following as per category entered.

Missouri Writers Guild, 281 CR 2600, Edgar Springs, MO 65462

Email all other entries to president@missouriwritersguild.org

9. For questions, contact president@missouriwritersguild.org.

10. Names of contest winners, sponsors, and judges will be announced at the annual MWG conference and business meeting on May 18, 2019.

Awards

Walter Williams Awards

First place receives \$100 and a plaque, second place receives \$50 and a certificate, third place receives \$25 and a certificate. Honorable mentions may be named at the discretion of the judges.

“Show Me” Your Best Awards

First place receives \$50 and a certificate, second place receives \$25 and a certificate, third place receives \$15 and a certificate. Honorable mentions may be named at the discretion of the judges.

Other Category Awards

First place receives \$30 and a certificate, second place receives \$20 and a certificate, third place receives \$15 and a certificate. Honorable mentions may be named at the discretion of the judges.

4. In accordance with Article X, section 3 of the MWG bylaws: Awards may be given at the judges' discretion. If there are fewer than seven entries in any category, except for the Walter Williams Award, no prizes will be given in that category, unless in the judges' opinion the work submitted is of such quality as to merit recognition. Similarly, the Walter Williams Award may be withheld if, in the opinion of the judges, no material of sufficient literary merit is submitted.

5. Awards will be announced at the annual Missouri Writers Guild banquet on May 18, 2019.