



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Tournament of Writers?

A Writer's Contest for all ages living in Kalamazoo and St. Joseph County, a program of the Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center.

Start and end dates for submission?

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 through Saturday, May 30.

Age Divisions?

- Junior (through 8th grade)
- Young Adult (9th grade through 25 years old)
- Adult (26 through 50 years old)
- Seniors (51+)

Categories?

- Fiction - short story, fiction, something made up
- Non-fiction - memoir, something based in truth
- Poetry - any style
- Graphic Novel - No age division
- Screenplay - No age division
- One-Act Play - No age division

Maximum Word Count?

- Fiction and Non-fiction 2,500
- Poetry 2,000
- Graphic Novel 30 pages
- Screenplay and One-Act Play (if produced) 10 minutes

What are the awards?

- First Prize - \$25 each division/category winner
- Second Prize - \$10 each division/category winner
- Judges' Choice - \$100 one winner

How many times can I enter?

- One per category for a total of six entries

What will you accept?

- Legible, handwritten entries
- Typed entries
- Electronic entries composed on keyboard or device

How do you judge my work?

Judges use rubric scoring methodology to evaluate works. These rubric scoring sheets can be found on the website at www.vicksburgarts.com

How do I submit my work?

Make sure to include name and age of author and category. If under 18, include parent or guardian name. Also include and contact information (phone and email)

- Email to tow@vicksburgarts.com
- OR Mail to VCAC, PO Box 209, Vicksburg, MI 49097

Who owns my entry?

You own your written works. The Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center reserves first publication rights only.

When will winners be announced and published?

- Tuesday, June 23, 5:30 pm. Facebook live. If determined that it's safe for public gathering, will also be at the Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center.
- Posted at the VCAC, on-line at vicksburgarts.com and on Vicksburg Arts Facebook page.
- Judges Choice, selected from all first, second and third place winners will be announced at the Book Release and Signing Celebration.
- All accepted entries will be published in *Small Town Anthology VI* and available around September 2020.

Book Release & Signing Celebration?

- What: A celebration with Tournament participants, their families and friends and the community
- When: Tuesday, September 15 5:30 to 8:30 pm
- Where: R & R Weddings and Events, 343 West Prairie, Vicksburg
- Appetizers and beverages available
- Tournament Participants receive complimentary copy of *Small Town Anthology VI*, additional copies available for purchase
- Tournament Winners will have opportunity to read works out loud
- The evening ends with a book signing by all Tournament writers

For more information, contact the VCAC at:
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