



# 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?**

April 1, 2020 through Monday, May 4 at midnight.

## **Age Divisions & Fees?**

Junior (through 8th grade) Entry Fee: \$1/entry

Young Adult (9th grade through 25 years old) Entry Fee: \$5/entry

Adult (26 through 50 years old) Entry Fee: \$10/entry

Seniors (51+) Entry Fee: \$5/entry

## **Categories?**

- Fiction - short story, fiction, something made up
- Non-fiction - memoir, something based in truth
- Poetry - a poem, 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
- Poem 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 VicksburgArts.com website.

### **How do I submit my work?**

- Drop off at Schoolcraft Community Library or Vicksburg District Library, along with your entry fee.
- Email to [TOW@vicksburgarts.com](mailto:TOW@vicksburgarts.com) and mail your entry fee (checks payable to VCAC) to Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center, PO Box 209, Vicksburg, MI 49097.
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### **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?**

- Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 pm at the Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center. Join us for punch and sweets!
- Posted at the VCAC, on-line at [vicksburgarts.com](http://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: Rim & Rail Weddings and Events, 343 West Prairie, Vicksburg, MI
- 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

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