



2021 Frequently Asked Questions

What is Tournament of Writers?

A Writer's Contest for all ages living in Southwest Michigan. This is a program of the Vicksburg Cultural Arts Center.

Start and end dates for submission?

Friday, April 2, 2020 through Friday, June 4

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

Maximum Word Count?

- Fiction and Non-fiction 2,500
- Poetry 2,000

What are the awards?

- First Prize \$50 each category/division winner
- Second Prize \$25 each category/division winner
- Third Prize \$10 each category/division winner
- Judges' Choice \$200 one winner

How many times can I enter?

- One per category for a total of three 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 <https://vicksburgarts.com/tow-program-details>

How do I submit my work?

Make sure to include your name, category, division, phone number, mailing address and email with your submitted work. You can submit with one of these options:

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

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, July 2, 5:30 pm. Facebook live. If determined that it is safe for public gathering, a location will be posted on Facebook and the website prior to the event.
- Emailed (or mailed) to all participants.
- Posted on website and Facebook page.
- Judges Choice Award will be selected from first and second place winners and announced at the Book Release Celebration.
- All accepted entries will be published in *Small Town Anthology VII* and available around September 2021.

Book Release & Signing Celebration?

- What: A celebration with Tournament participants, their families and friends and the community
- When: Thursday, September 16, 5:30 to 8:30 pm
- Where: TBD
- Guest speakers
- Tournament Participants receive complimentary copy of *Small Town Anthology VII* & additional copies available for purchase
- Tournament Winners will have opportunity to read works
- The evening ends with a book signing by all Tournament writers

For more information, go to the website

<https://vicksburgarts.com/tournament-of-writers>

OR email us at tow@vicksburgarts.com

OR call us at (269)200-2223

