

2019

Maureen Egen Writers Exchange Award WEST VIRGINIA

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

PLEASE REVIEW ALL GUIDELINES CAREFULLY—

INCORRECTLY SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

ELIGIBLE WRITERS

Poets and fiction writers who are residents of West Virginia are eligible to apply if they:

1. Have never published a book, or;
2. Have published no more than one full-length book in the genre in which they are applying, **and**;
3. Have resided in West Virginia for at least two years prior to the date they submit their manuscripts.

Writers may apply in poetry and/or fiction (only one manuscript per category).

Writers may not be previous winners of contests sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc.

Finalists will be asked to submit verification of publications and residency.

Employees of Poets & Writers, Inc. are not eligible.

AWARDS

One poet and one fiction writer from West Virginia will be selected. The names of the winning writers will be announced mid-April 2019 on our website. Each winner will receive:

- A \$500 honorarium;
- A trip to New York City in October 2019 to meet with editors, agents, publishers, and other writers. All related travel/lodgings expenses and a per diem stipend are covered by Poets & Writers. Winners will also give a public reading of their work; and
- One-month residency at the Jentel Artist Residency Program in Wyoming.

SEND CONTEST ENTRIES TO:

**Maureen Egen Writers Exchange Award
Poets & Writers, Inc.
90 Broad Street, Suite 2100
New York, NY, 10004-2205**

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Poetry manuscripts should not exceed ten pages, single or double-spaced (minimum of 7 pages).

Fiction manuscripts should not exceed 25 pages and must be double-spaced. Fiction manuscripts may include stories and/or excerpts from novels.

Published work may be included; however, no reprints from books or magazines are acceptable. Published work must be retyped to conform with the rest of manuscript and should not be identified as published work.

All work must be original and written in English; translations are not eligible. There are no restrictions on style or subject matter.

MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Submit **four collated** copies of your manuscript. Your name or address should **not** appear anywhere on the manuscript.

Enclose a signed application entry form with your manuscript.

All manuscripts must be postmarked on or before
January 7, 2019

If you want Poets & Writers to acknowledge receipt of your manuscript, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard.

Manuscripts will not be returned, and Poets & Writers cannot assume responsibility for the loss of manuscripts.

Checklist

- Four copies of the manuscript(s) are enclosed.
- Contest entry form(s) are completed and signed.
- Acknowledgement postcard (optional) enclosed.

2019 Application

WEST VIRGINIA

Section One

Writer Info

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Alternate Telephone

E-mail

Section Two

Manuscript

Poetry Fiction

Manuscript Title

Number of Pages

Signature

Date

List titles of all poems or works of fiction submitted. Attach an additional page if necessary.