

### Contest Guidelines and Rules

- 1) All work must be original, typewritten on 8 ½ x 11 white paper. Poetry must be single-spaced; all other genres must be double-spaced.
- 2) Submit two copies of each entry.
- 3) Number and title of category must appear in upper left corner of first page of each entry. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ENTRIES.**
- 4) On the cover sheet include your name, address, email and/or phone number followed by a list of category numbers, category names, and titles of entries. Please indicate whether or not you are a member of Green River Writers.
- 5) No submission may be entered in more than one category.
- 6) No more than *three (3) submissions per category*.
- 7) No work will be published or returned; keep copies.
- 8) Since winning entries are not published, all rights remain with the author.

9) Entry fees:

- Grand prize categories- \$3 each entry for GRW members; \$5 each entry for non-members.
- All other categories- \$2 each entry or \$12 maximum for GRW members; \$3 each entry for non-members, but they may join GRW and receive the member rate.
- Overpayments will be considered donations to GRW and will not be returned.

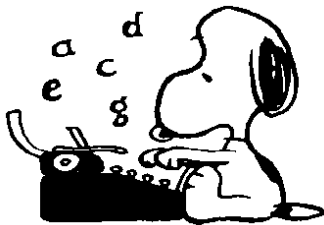
10) Make check or money order payable to Green River Writers, Inc. Mail fee and entries no later than September 30, 2017 to:

Green River Writers, Inc.  
2017 Writing Contest  
c/o Charles Suddeth  
9815 Farnham Drive  
Louisville, KY 40223

**Winners will be announced on the GRW website, [www.greenriverwriters.org](http://www.greenriverwriters.org), December 31, 2017**

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#### Green River Writers Membership

Members receive 3 newsletters, contest rate breaks, the opportunity to submit professional news, and early information about events and retreats. **Annual membership: \$30.00**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

- If you are not currently a GRW member, send in this portion and the membership fee with your contest entries to qualify for membership rates.

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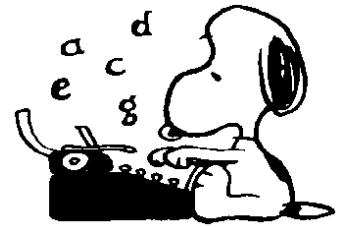
##### **Writers Helping Writers**

**Green River Writers, Inc.** is a non-profit organization founded in Kentucky in 1984 to support writers through education, promotion, and fellowship.

**Green River Writers** continues to encourage poets and writers by offering workshops, retreats, monthly critique sessions, and a tri-annual newsletter.

For information regarding upcoming events, contact: Green River Writers, Inc.  
[membership@greenriverwriters.org](mailto:membership@greenriverwriters.org)  
(502) 552-9578.

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**Grand Prize Categories**, sponsored and judged by Green River Writers, Inc.

GRW members: \$3 each entry

Non-members: \$5 each entry

**#1 President's Prize—Fiction**

Short fiction to 2000 words.

Prizes: 1st, \$175, 2nd, \$100, 3rd, \$50

**#2 Green River Grande—Poetry**

Any subject, any form, to 50 lines.

Prizes: 1st, \$175, 2nd, \$100, 3rd, \$50

**Fiction and Poetry Categories**, sponsored by individual writers and writing groups

*Fees for these categories are in addition to Grand Prize entry fees.*

GRW members: \$2 each entry or \$12 maximum for up to three (3) entries per category

Non-members: \$3 each entry, but non-members may join GRW and receive the member rate

**Fiction/Prose Categories:**

**#3 Novel First Chapter—Fiction**

Open to the first chapter of any unpublished or self-published novel.

Double spaced, 12-point font. Limit 26 pages.

Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$15

Sponsor: Virginia S. Anderson

Judge: To be announced.

**#4 Rubye Fowler Prize in Creative Nonfiction**

Limit 3000 words. Please do not send fiction inspired by a "real" situation.

Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20

Sponsor/Judge: Elaine Fowler Palencia

**#5 Suzanne Suddeth Memorial Prize—Children's Prose**

First chapter of novel or short story for ages 10 to 18. 1000-word limit.

Prizes: 1st \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

Sponsor/Judge: Charles Suddeth

**Poetry Categories:**

**#6 Jim O'Dell Memorial—Poetry**

One limerick, standard form (5 lines), wild & absurd.

Prizes: 1st \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

Sponsor/Judge: Mary O'Dell

**#7 The Virginia Opry's Legends of Country Music Poetry Contest — Poems**

Persona poems in the vein of "Spoon

River Anthology" with late country music stars speaking as the legends of country music from the grave. Any form, but render poems without naming the country music legend in the poem or title. 40-line limit.

Prizes: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25, 3

HM \$10 each

Sponsor: Appalfolks of America Assoc.

Judge: To be announced

**#8 Rise Up!—Poetry**

Poem exemplifying visions of peace, the resiliency of human spirit or hope.

40-line limit

Prizes: 1st \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

Sponsors/Judges: Judy Milford & Terri Alekzander

**#9 Ordinary Poems**

Poet's interpretation, any style, any length.

Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20

Sponsor: Linda Frisa

Judge: To be announced

**#10 The Power of Myth—Poetry**

Write your own myth, solve one of the world's problems, write a persona poem from the perspective of or about a mythological figure. Poet's

interpretation of how to transcend reality. 40-line limit, no rhyming.

Prizes: 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10

Sponsor/Judge: Pam Hirschler

**#11 The Thing Under the Bed—Poetry**

36-line limit, no rhyme, let the imagination run wild.

Prizes: 1st \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

Sponsor/Judge: Christine Strevinsky

**#12 Small-Town Observations—Poetry**

Where thoughtfulness meets whimsy. Unrhymed but orderly and well crafted.

40-line limit

Prizes: 1st \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

Sponsors/Judges: The Thursday Poets

**#13 Syllabics—Poetry**

A poem in syllabics. Minimum 12, maximum 24 lines.

Prizes: 1st \$30, 2nd \$20

Sponsor/Judge: Jean Tucker

**#14 Strange Duck, in Honor of Sue Bayes—Poetry**

Our Sue had a keen sense of humor, so please send poems of a witty or clever nature. Take an ironic view of life. Or

document one of life's tragic moments—just remember to add a smile. No limericks. 32-line limit.

Prizes: 1st: \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10

Sponsors/Judges: Barroom Bards

**#15 Free Style Verse—Poetry**

Any style or subject. 30-line limit.

Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20

Sponsors/judges: Rebecca Elliott &

Robin Whitehouse

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