



Halloween in the HILLS



Horror Writing Contest

Halloween in the Hills is an annual horror writing contest sponsored by Horror in the Hills and West Virginia Writers Inc, West Virginia's largest non-profit writing organization. The contest is to help encourage children to write, and to promote literacy--and possibly to fuel our addiction to horror fiction and poetry. Submissions will be accepted from now until **October 13th**. We know that doesn't provide much time for editing, so we will focus on storytelling rather than grammar and writing mechanics. To enter, go to: cuthugas.wixsite.com/horror-in-the-hills/halloween-in-the-hills

CONTEST RULES:

- Entries may be **prose** or **poetry**.
- Please make sure your prose is **no longer than 3000 words**, and poetry is **no more than 5 pages**. Because the winning entries will be read aloud, please **no profanity or gratuitous violence**. Those entries will either be disqualified or censored as needed.
- Entries will be judged by 1 or more people, depending on the number of entries. **All decisions by judges and contest coordinator are final.**
- Entry Fee: All children in grades 5-12 may enter for free, and as many times as they like.
- Contestants 18 or over are asked to make at least a \$10 donation to either Halloween in the Hills, or to West Virginia Writers Inc. This is simply to provide financial support for the contest and banquet to benefit the children. Any submissions from adults not accompanied by a donation will not be judged. If you would like to donate electronically, please send an electronic payment to halloweeninthehills@gmail.com or wwriters@gmail.com. If you need to mail a check, please make it out to West Virginia Writers Inc, and mail it to:

c/o M. Lynne Squires
P.O. Box 212
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Please be sure to put "Halloween Contest" in the memo field. Email a copy of the processed check to halloweeninthehills@gmail.com.

- **Mailed submissions** can be accepted **if necessary**. If you would like to mail your submission, please send an email to halloweeninthehills@gmail.com to request an address. Entries will not be returned.