



Council for Wisconsin Writers, Inc.

Promoting awareness of Wisconsin's Writers Since 1964

2008 Annual Awards Competition Rules and Entry Form

The Council for Wisconsin Writers, Inc. is dedicated to the support of literary excellence in Wisconsin. Each year it offers competitive awards for work published in that year by residents of the state. There are **9 categories for 2008**, 8 of them judged by a writing professional who resides outside the state and a student essay contest judged by the CWW Board. A prize of **\$500** and a week-long residency at [Edenfred](#) in Madison, Wisconsin will be given to each winner. Judges may designate **up to one** Honorable Mention in their category, or may decide to make no award. CWW owns no rights to submitted works.

A completed entry form, or a photocopy of it, **must** accompany each entry with the appropriate fee, except for **Categories #8** and **#9** for which you **must** use the [Lorine Niedecker Poetry Award Entry Form](#) and the [Student Contest Entry Form.pdf](#), respectively. Entries must be postmarked no later than **January 31, 2009** except for the **young writers essay contest** whose deadline is **December 31, 2008**. Notification letters will be sent by **April 15, 2009** (if SASE is provided). Awards will be presented at the Council's annual banquet in May 2009. All winners attend as guests of the Council.

Contest Rules

Who May Submit:

Anyone may submit a work written by a Wisconsin resident. A resident is defined as a person who maintains a permanent residence in Wisconsin or who has had at least six months of continuous residence in the state during the contest year. Authors or submitting persons need not be members of CWW.

What May Be Submitted:

- Any published work in the designated [categories](#) of competition.
- Translations, reprints, and works for which the submitter is the editor rather than the author are not eligible.
- Entries must have been published in the contest year. The publication date, not the copyright date, determines eligibility. (A work is published when it first appears in print and is made available to the public.)
- Multiple entries may not be submitted in any one category; however, authors may submit to one additional category.
- An author may not win in the same category two years in succession.
- Book-length works are not eligible for the Niedecker, Sternig, or Levin awards.
- **Only** works of **48 pages or more** are eligible for the Posner Book-Length Poetry Award.
- Recipients of the CWW Major Achievement Award may not receive another award in that year.

How a Work May be Submitted:

- Book-length entries must be submitted in their published form. For shorter entries, tear sheets or good quality photocopies may be used. Hard copies of web-published entries are required.

No e-mail entries will be accepted.

- An entry form and fee must accompany each submission. Entry forms may be photocopied.
- Entries must be postmarked no later than **January 31, 2009**. Extra time may be allowed for work not published until the end of December, if the appropriate awards co-chair is notified by December 31, 2008.
- A **\$15 per entry nonrefundable fee** must accompany each entry. Make checks payable to **Council for Wisconsin Writers, Inc.**
- Entries not in conformity with the stated rules will be disqualified; entry fees will be forfeited.
- Judges will be asked to **NOT** consider entries from relatives, friends, and entrants with whom they have personal or professional relationships. Entries disqualified on these grounds will be returned to the entrants.

Requirements for Winning Entries:

Winners will be invited to attend the spring awards banquet as the Council's guests. Checks and certificates will be awarded at the banquet and winners will have a brief opportunity to speak. Winners will be asked to write a letter of thanks to the sponsor of the award.

Lorine Niedecker Poetry Award, Category #8:

This award, named for Wisconsin's pre-eminent poet of the twentieth century, is sponsored and funded by the Council for Wisconsin Writers. A prize of **\$500** and a week-long residency at [Edenfred](#) in Madison, Wisconsin will be given for a group of shorter poems, which, taken singly or together, represent a significant achievement commensurate with the quality of Niedecker's work. You must use the special entry form provided for this award:

[Lorine Niedecker Poetry Award Entry Form](#)

Young Writers Essay Award, Category #9:

This award, named for Wisconsin's pre-eminent poet of the twentieth century, is sponsored and funded by the Council for Wisconsin Writers. A prize of **\$500** and a week-long residency at [Edenfred](#) in Madison, Wisconsin will be given for a group of shorter poems, which, taken singly or together, represent a significant achievement commensurate with the quality of Niedecker's work. You must use the special entry form provided for this award:

[Young Writers Essay Award Entry Form](#)



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Contest Entry Form

Circle the appropriate Award category and enter the required information in the space below. Use the back of the form if needed to list titles.

Each Award carries a prize of \$500 and a one-week residency at [Edenfred](#).

All entries must have been published between **January 1 and December 31** of the contest year.

- 1. Larry & Eleanor Sternig Short Fiction Award
- 2. Posner Book-Length Poetry Award
- 3. Kay W. Levin Short Nonfiction Award
- 4. Tofte/Wright Children's Literature Award
- 5. Kenneth Kingery/August Derleth Book-Length Nonfiction Award
- 6. Anne Powers Book-Length Fiction Award
- 7. Ellis/Henderson Outdoor Writing Award
- 8. Lorine Niedecker Poetry Award (Use the [Special Instructions](#))
- 9. Young Writers Essay Award (Use the [Special Instructions](#))

Author's Name: _____ **Category #:** _____

Title of Work: _____

Publisher or Publication: _____ **Date of Publication:** _____

Author's Address: _____

Author's Telephone No.: () _____ **E-mail Address:** _____

Entry Submitted by Second Party:

Name: _____ **Phone:** () _____ **E-mail:** _____

Address: _____

\$15 Entry Fee to Council for Wisconsin Writers enclosed

To enter the competition, send (via US Mail only, please):

- 1.** One copy of the **published work**. If web-published, you must submit a hard copy with all pertinent publication information included. **Do not include reviews or publicity materials. Entries cannot be returned.**
- 2.** This completed **entry form**. The entry form **must** accompany each entry—photocopies acceptable.
- 3.** Nonrefundable entry fee of **\$15 per entry**. Make checks payable to **Council for Wisconsin Writers, Inc.**
- 4.** A stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope (**SASE**), if you wish to be notified of contest results.

Categories 1, 3, and 4 mail to:	Categories 5, 6 and 7 mail to:
Mary Wehner CWW Category # _____ N9618 Winnebago Park Road Fond du Lac, WI 54935 Questions? E-mail: marywehner@charter.net	Marilyn Taylor CWW Category # _____ 2825 E. Newport Ave. Milwaukee 53211 Questions? E-mail: mlt@uwm.edu
Category 2 mail to:	Category #8 and #9 also go to Geoff Gilpin, but require a separate entry form. See above and the CWW web site.
Geoff Gilpin CWW Contest, Category #8 6973 Heron Way De Forest, WI 53532 Questions? E-mail: cwwaward@geoffgilpin.com	