

2022 NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE JESSAMYN WEST WRITING CONTEST

The English Department of Napa Valley College invites unpublished works of short fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction for the 2022 Jessamyn West Creative Writing Contest. First, second and third place winners will be selected in each of the three categories. **A first prize of \$150, a second prize of \$100, and a third prize of \$50 will be awarded in each of the three categories.** All winners will have their work published in our *Jessamyn West Creative Writing Contest Anthology* (medium to be determined). In addition, winners will receive free entry to the public craft lectures and readings presented at the 2022 Napa Valley Writers' Conference. **The contest is open to all Napa Valley College students enrolled in classes on a full or part-time basis during the last twelve months.**

The deadline for receipt of entries is FRIDAY, APRIL 8 AT NOON. Entries will be screened by the English Department with final judging done by professional writers. All manuscripts must adhere to the following guidelines:

Participants may enter a maximum of one story, one essay, and five poems. All entries must be typed in a standard 12-point font and should be original and previously unpublished works. Entries including visual arts (e.g. graphic/comic narratives) are permitted and may fall outside the font/type requirement, but must still adhere to guidelines on length.

Fiction and Non-Fiction: Entries should be typed, double-spaced with 1" or 1 ½" margins and should not exceed twenty pages.

Poetry: Poets may enter a maximum of five poems *or* five pages of typed poetry.

To clarify: There should be no more than one poem per page and no more than one column of poetry on a page even if the lines are skinny enough to fit two columns side by side. If one or more poems are longer than one page, the total number of poems must be reduced so that the entire manuscript is no more than five pages. **Complete an entry form for each poem.**

Your name should not appear anywhere on the manuscript itself.

Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Each entry must have its own entry form. Follow all formatting guidelines for submissions. Email your submissions as a MS-Word attachment (no pdfs, please) along with the completed entry form for **each** entry. **Links to any online document storage such as Google Docs, OneDrive, or Dropbox, will not be accepted.** Email electronic submissions to gstofan@napavalley.edu.

Entry forms are available online at:

<http://www.napavalley.edu/academics/LADS/English/Pages/JessamynWestWritingContest.aspx>

Submissions must be received by **FRIDAY, APRIL 8 AT NOON** in order to be eligible.

Manuscripts that do not follow the formatting guidelines or that do not have a completely filled out entry form with complete information will be disqualified.

Results will be announced in early May, and a virtual awards reading and reception will be tentatively scheduled during the week of May 16. For further information, please contact Jacob Knight, writing contest coordinator at jknight@napavalley.edu, or Gina Stofan, division secretary at 256-7726 or gstofan@napavalley.edu.

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2022 Napa Valley College Jessamyn West Writing Contest Entry Blank

For the manuscript to be accepted, you must fill out the form completely.

Name _____ NVC Student ID _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Title _____

Category (CHECK ONE): Fiction Poetry Non-Fiction

Are you currently enrolled in an English course? If so, who is your instructor? _____

I certify that the attached work is entirely my own. I also hereby give my permission for the publication of my work in our Jessamyn West Creative Writing Contest Anthology in the event that it wins. I understand that I am granting Napa Valley College publication rights but will retain all rights, including the right to publish it elsewhere.

Your Signature/Name

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To save this form: Go to "FILE", then select "SAVE AS." If you have problems saving, filling out, and sending back this form, you may type this information into the text of your email. Please make sure you have included **all** information requested on this form. Manuscripts that do not have a completely filled out entry form with complete information will be disqualified.