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Bennington, VT: Bennington College is [now accepting submissions](#) from high school students nationwide for its 2021-2022 [Young Writers Awards](#).

This annual competition, which accepts entries in poetry, fiction, and nonfiction, is **free to enter** and open to all high school students in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. A first-, second-, and third-place winner is selected in each of the categories, with **increased cash prizes up to \$1,000** awarded.

Young Writers Award finalists and winners are also eligible for **undergraduate scholarships** at Bennington. YWA finalists who apply, are admitted, and enroll at Bennington will receive a \$10,000 scholarship every year for four years, for a total of \$40,000. YWA winners who apply, are admitted, and enroll at Bennington will receive a \$15,000 scholarship every year for four years, for a total of \$60,000.

Submissions for the 2020-2021 Young Writers Awards will be accepted through **November 1, 2021**, with winners announced in spring 2022.

For more information, see [submission guidelines](#) or [sign up](#) to receive notifications about the competition. Downloadable Young Writers Awards [posters](#) and printable [submission forms](#) are also available.

Coming Soon: Young Activists Awards

In Spring 2022, Bennington College will be launching the Young Activists Awards, recognizing high school students who are tackling issues of antiracism and social and environmental justice in their communities and beyond. Visit the [Young Activist Awards webpage](#) to sign up for more information.

About the Young Writers Awards

Bennington College has a unique literary legacy, including twelve Pulitzer Prize winners, three U.S. poet laureates, four MacArthur Geniuses, countless *New York Times* bestsellers, and two of *Time Magazine's* 100 Most Influential People.

In celebration of this legacy, Bennington launched the Young Writers Awards to promote and recognize excellence in writing by high-school students. Each year, over 2,000 students submit poetry, fiction, and nonfiction to the Young Writers Awards competition.

About Bennington College

Bennington College is a liberal arts college in southwestern Vermont that has distinguished itself as a vanguard institution within American higher education. It was the first to include the visual and performing arts in a liberal arts education. It is the only college to require that its students

spend a term—every year—at work in the world. Bennington students work intensively with faculty to forge individual educational paths around their driving questions and interests.

Bennington is also the home of the [Robert Frost Stone House Museum](#) and the [Bennington Review](#), a national biannual print journal of innovative, intelligent, and moving poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and film writing.

Notable literary alumni from both the undergraduate and MFA in Writing program include Donna Tartt, Brett Easton Ellis, Kiran Desai, Jonathan Lethem, Michael Pollan, Ann Goldstein, Safiya Sinclair, Anaïs Duplan, Anne Waldman, Mary Ruefle, Cynthia Sweeney, Jamie Quatro, Amy Gerstler, Morgan Jerkins, and Charles Bock.

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