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January 6, 2012

To All Poets and Writers:

On behalf of the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Board of Directors and staff, I would like to invite you to enter our Poetry and Short Story Contest. Please find an application enclosed.

The 2012 contest features \$1,000 in awards. In addition to the cash awards, all winners of the Poetry & Short Story Contest will receive recognition at the 38th Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival, held July 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2012 in beautiful Twin Lakes Park near Greensburg, PA. Winning works will be on display at the Festival for visitors to read.

Since 1975, the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival has been bringing the arts and humanities to our community. Our contest and Festival provides an exceptional forum for writers and poets to present their work.

Entries are juried by accomplished writers and poets who have shown a commitment to the humanities. The Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival selects two jurors. One juror is chosen to evaluate the poetry entries and a second juror is selected to jury the short story entries.

The 2012 Poetry and Short Story Contest entry form is also available on our website at www.ArtsAndHeritage.com as a fill-in form. If you are referring someone to our Festival who does not have computer access, please have them call our office at 724-834-7474 and we can mail them a hard copy application.

Please remember that the Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival also sponsors a Youth Short Story & Poetry Contest for students in first through twelfth grades. There is no fee to enter the youth contest and the application will be posted on our website by the end of February.

We look forward to receiving your entry. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions at 724-834-7474 or by e-mail at info@artsandheritage.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam J. Shaffer". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Adam J. Shaffer
Interim Executive Director

The Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.



38TH WESTMORELAND ARTS & HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2012 POETRY & SHORT STORY CONTEST

POSTMARK DEADLINE MARCH 16, 2012

Eligibility

Only previously unpublished poems and short stories will be considered. All work must be original, not having been entered in any previous Poetry & Short Story Contest sponsored by the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival. Short stories must be 4,000 words or less. There is no limit to length of poems. Each author may enter one story; each poet may enter two poems. All genres will be accepted.

Rules

Please send two copies of each entry. All entries must be typed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

Short Stories - Stories are to be double spaced and typed on one side of the paper only. Do not staple or connect pages. Please include page number and title of story in the top right corner of each page. Include a cover sheet that shows your full name, address, title of story and number of words.

Poems - Do not put your name on the poem(s). Include a cover sheet that shows your full name, address and title of poem. No short story or poem will be returned. No entries will be published without permission. Winners will be notified by May 15,

2012 and will be displayed at the Festival, July 5-8, 2012. Simultaneous submissions are accepted.

Entry Fee

Poetry entry fee is \$10 for up to two (2) poems.
Short Story entry fee is \$10 for one (1) short story.
Submit an entry in both categories for a \$20 entry fee.
Make checks payable to WAHF.
Entry fee is to be mailed along with entry form, poem or short story, and cover sheet to:

Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival
Poetry & Short Story Contest
252 Twin Lakes Road
Latrobe, PA 15650

Awards

Westmoreland Award for Fiction		\$200
Westmoreland Award for Poetry		\$200
	Poetry	Short Story
First Place	\$125	\$125
Second Place	\$100	\$100
Third Place	\$75	\$75

2012 Entry Form - Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival Poetry & Short Story Contest

Downloadable fill-in application available at www.ArtsAndHeritage.com POSTMARK DEADLINE MARCH 16, 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country (if outside U.S.): _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

I am entering: Poetry (\$10 enclosed) Short Story (\$10 enclosed) Both Contests (\$20 enclosed)

Choose one: Check enclosed (payable to WAHF) Please charge my credit card (Visa/Mastercard/Discover)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Credit Card Code (CVV/CVC) _____

Title of Poem 1: _____

Title of Poem 2: _____

Title of Short Story: _____

Please submit two copies of all entries. All entries must be typed. Incomplete or hand-written entries not accepted.

First time entrants--how did you hear about our contest? Please be specific and give name of publication or website:

The undersigned does hereby consent to all rules and guidelines of the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival (WAHF) Poetry & Short Story Contest. I, the applicant, if paying by credit card, authorize the WAHF to charge the application fees to my credit card. The undersigned considers this application a commitment to show.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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The Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization. A copy of the official registration and financial information of the Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Participation or registration does not imply endorsement.

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