Bennington College—whose literary legacy includes nine Pulitzer Prize winners; three U.S. poets laureate; a MacArthur “Genius;” countless New York Times bestsellers; and two of Time magazine’s 100 most influential people—invites submissions for its annual Young Writers Awards.

Students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades during the current academic year may enter in one of the following categories: poetry (a group of three poems), fiction (a short story or one-act play), or nonfiction (a personal or academic essay). All entries must be original work and sponsored by a high school teacher. Judges include Bennington College faculty and students.

Submission Deadline
November 1
Submit online or by mail
Mailed entries must be accompanied by a submission form, available online