

# The 2018-19 VOWA Excellence-in-Craft Contest

The Virginia Outdoor Writers Association (VOWA) is proud to announce this year's competition. The Excellence-in-Craft (EIC) contest was created to recognize VOWA members and non-members for outstanding work in the field of Outdoor Communication. This year's contest is open to all members of VOWA, and in our continuing effort to further the growth of the outdoor writing field, any resident of Virginia.\* Non-resident outdoor communicators are also encouraged to enter with the stipulation that the entry is specific in content to Virginia.

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*\*For Virginia residents who are first time entrants in the EIC competition, VOWA would like to extend to you a complimentary one year membership to the organization and an invitation to attend the yearly membership meeting at no charge.*

## **ENTRIES:**

You may enter as many categories as you like, but will be limited to **two** entries per category. This is an "Excellence in Craft" competition and we also don't want to overwhelm the judges. We want to see your best work. Entries should be for work *published in 2018* except for books, which have a 2017-18 time frame. Entries should be submitted in digital form by email to Robert Thomas at [rtphotography@comcast.net](mailto:rtphotography@comcast.net) or on a CD or flash drive to 806 Wilmer Ave, Richmond, VA 23227. Photographs should be in JPEG format and other entries in a PDF or a hotlink to the publication. If you are entering a book or video or if you have any problems/questions about submissions, please contact Robert at (804) 266-5458 to determine the best course of action. **Deadline for entries will be February 1, 2019 in order to give the judges ample time to perform their duties.**

## **EIC AWARDS CATEGORIES:**

**BLOG POST**

**FEATURE STORY**

**NEWSLETTER**

**NEWSPAPER or MAGAZINE COLUMN**

**BOOK**

**PHOTOGRAPH**

**ILLUSTRATION**

**FILM or VIDEO**

## **SPECIAL AWARDS:**

(One Winner only for each Award)

### **MOSSY CREEK FLY FISHING**

This award must have fly fishing as its main emphasis. The submission can come from any category, but you must specify that you are entering the Mossy Creek Fly Fishing Contest. Winner will receive a guided trip with Mossy Creek Fly Fishing.

### **FLY FISHERS OF VIRGINIA CONSERVATION AWARD**

This award must have conservation as its main emphasis. The submission can come from any category, but you must specify that you are entering the Fly Fishers of Virginia contest. Winner will receive a \$100.00 cash prize.

### **APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN ADVOCATES CONSERVATION WRITING AWARD**

This award is for best conservation writing. The submission can come from any of the writing categories, but you must specify that you are entering the Appalachian Mountain Advocates contest. Winner will receive a \$50.00 cash prize.

**Please only one submission per Special Award. The submission can also be entered in the regular EIC contest. Just remember that they need to be separate submissions.**

## **AWARDS:**

Awards are to be framed certificates. Up to three awards in each category. Entries must meet a specific level of excellence as determined by the judges. Awards will be given no matter the number of entries, as long as the entry meets the minimum requirement.

## **JUDGING:**

Each category will have a Judging Coordinator who will determine the criteria for that category. The criteria will be assigned a point value as determined by the coordinator and will add up to 100 points. An entry must receive at least 80 points to be eligible for an award.

We are always looking for qualified judges. If you know someone who might be a good judge for a category or if you would like to be a judge for a category that you are not entering, please let us know.

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