

Midwest Writing Center presents the 18th Annual

# QC Iron Pen Contest

Cost is \$10 (per entry) for all contestants\*\*

**\*Pre-Registration is Required\***

## 2026 Contest Timeline:

### Friday, February 27:

Receive an email from MWC at 5 p.m.  
that includes a writing prompt.

### Saturday, February 28:

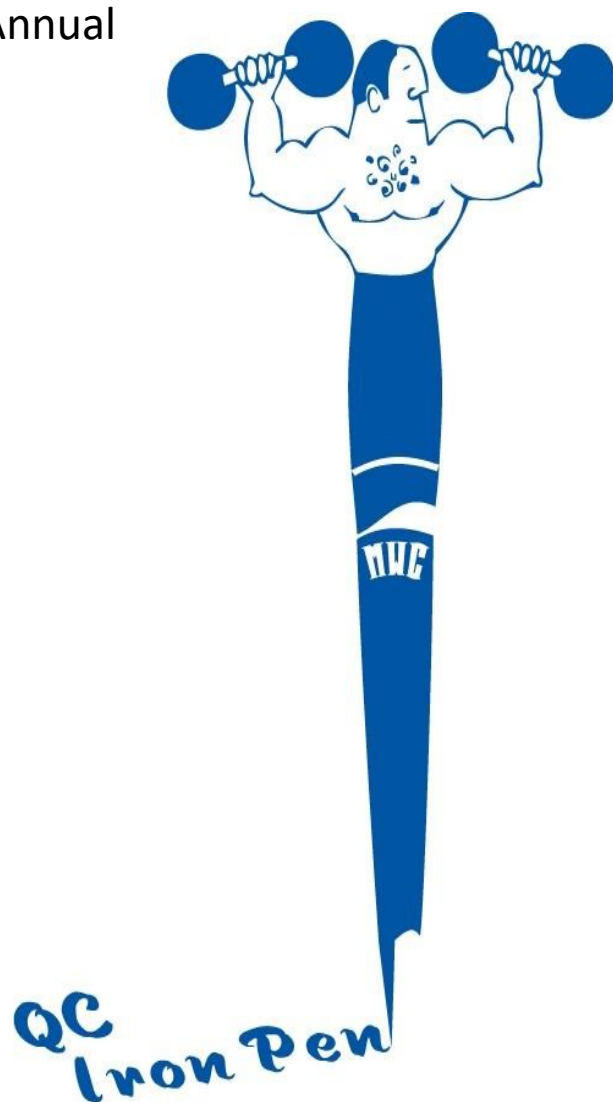
Return entry by email no later than 5 p.m. —  
do not mail entries!

### Monday, March 16:

Winners will be announced online and by email

### Saturday, March 28:

From 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. winners and finalists will  
present their work at an event at RIPL  
where they will share their work —  
awards will be sent or can be picked up



**Please Note:** Iron Pen prompt will be sent via email, will be posted on the MWC website home page,  
Facebook page, and will be recorded on MWC's outgoing voice message on Friday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m.

**\*\*All contestants in this year's Iron Pen Contest will have a chance to win a paid-in-full tuition for the  
David R. Collins Writing Conference on June 24-27, 2026, valued at \$400\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Poetry ☐ Fiction ☐ Non-fiction

☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Credit Card Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CC# \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete form  
and return to:

Midwest Writing Center  
c/o RIPL  
401 19th St.  
Rock Island, IL 61201  
309-732-7330  
mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org

[www.mwcqc.org/contests/iron-pen/](http://www.mwcqc.org/contests/iron-pen/)



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MWC Staff and Board Members are ineligible