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CHANCELLOR'S FELLOWSHIP

The Chancellor is pleased to announce a fellowship program for community college and System Office classified staff. For the 2009-2010 academic year, selected classified employees will be named as Chancellor's Fellows to pursue degree studies that will enhance their ability to contribute to the community college mission.

The Chancellor's Fellowship includes the following:

- Financial support for tuition and mandatory fees
- One semester or one-academic year leave of absence with three-fourths pay
- Continuation of insurance, retirement, the State's portion of health insurance and seniority.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be employed 3 consecutive years in a full-time state-funded classified position at a community college or the System Office
- Be enrolled in a degree program from a Virginia state-supported institution of higher education
- Be recommended by the president, or Chancellor in the case of a System Office candidate

Application Process

- Submit a completed application form
- Include 3 letters of endorsement
- Submit verification of acceptance in a degree program
- Submit transcripts if currently enrolled in a program

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 15, 2009

Please contact Human Resources for more information.

SHORT STORY AND POETRY CONTESTS

The 22nd Annual Lonesome Pine Short Story Contest, sponsored by Lonesome Pine Arts & Crafts, Inc., and the 5th Annual Lonesome Pine Poetry Contest, sponsored by the MECC Foundation, will be held in conjunction with the 2009 John Fox, Jr. Literary Festival at MECC on April 1.

Community members are invited to participate in each contest with categories for adults, high school students in grades 9 through 12, and middle school students in grades 5 through 8.

The deadline for all submissions is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2009. Winners will be invited to accept their awards at the John Fox, Jr. Festival on Wednesday, April 1st. The festival will be held in the Fugate Auditorium, located in Dalton Cantrell Hall on the campus of MECC, at 10:00 a.m.

This year's John Fox Jr. Festival and writing contests will complement the Lonesome Pine Regional Library's Big Read program, which will celebrate Virginia authors and feature *My Ántonia* by Willa Cather. Therefore, in addition to a cash prize, contest winners will receive a copy of *My Ántonia*, and several copies of the book will be given away as door prizes at the festival. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

Contest entries should be mailed to Lonesome Pine Short Story Contest or Lonesome Pine Poetry Contest, Attn: Nikki Morrison, Mountain Empire Community College Foundation, 3441 Mountain Empire Road, Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219.

For a complete list of contest rules or more information, contact Nikki Morrison at ext. 416 or nmorrison@me.vccs.edu.

EXPLORATIONS ARTS COMPETITION



Now accepting submissions for 2008-09! CASH PRIZES in

Short Story

Poetry

Personal Essay

Drawing

Painting

Photography: B&W and Color

FIRST PLACE: \$50 SECOND PLACE \$30 THIRD PLACE \$20

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MONDAY Feb. 16, 2009

GUIDELINES: Read Carefully!!

1. Only current or former MECC students may enter. All entries must be original and unpublished. (Students may also submit stories to the Lonesome Pine Short Story contest at the same time.)

2. Students may enter up to 5 poems, 1 short story, 1 personal essay, and up to three photos or drawings in each category. Students may enter more than one category.

3. Students must submit 2 paper copies in the written categories: one WITH the student's last name in one corner and one WITHOUT. Written submissions MUST BE TYPED in Microsoft Word and SUBMITTED ON DISK OR CD as well. ****FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE DISK WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION**.**

4. Submissions must be accompanied by the submission form available in the library, the Arts and Sciences Div. office, or online at www.me.vccs.edu. Only one submission form is required per student; if you're entering multiple categories, just list the titles under the appropriate section of the form. The submission form should be attached to your submissions. **ENTRIES WILL NOT BE RETURNED—KEEP A COPY!!**



DRAWING/PAINTING/PHOTOGRAPHY instructions:

1. For drawings and paintings the 8x10 is the ideal size, but judges will consider anything up to 18x24 inches. All visual submissions should be in a protective cover with **YOUR NAME** and a **TITLE** for the **WORK ON THE BACK**.

2. Paintings may be oil, watercolor, or mixed media and **MUST** be dry when submitted.

3. Drawings may be graphite, charcoal, chalk or dry pastel, oil pastel, acrylic, pen & ink, or collage combined with charcoal, graphite, or pastel, as are mixed media using these acceptable mediums.

4. For all photographs, 8x10 is the ideal size but judges will consider up to 11x17. If you are submitted photography from a digital camera, the requirements are 300 DPI, and you must submit the photo on a disk or CD-ROM in either JPEG, TIF, or EPS, as well as a **PAPER COPY**.



Entrants are responsible for picking up work after contest!!

SUBMISSIONS ARE TO BE TURNED IN TO THE WAMPLER LIBRARY.

Don't forget the submission form! For more info, contact Rita Quillen at rquillen@me.vccs.edu or ext. 352.

Be a part of MECC's award-winning arts magazine!!