

AAEA Communications Awards Master Writer Program

Each year, those who enter the Writing Awards Program build points toward becoming Master Writers. This program allows a writer to gauge professional development by means other than category wins.

How are merits awarded?

One “judge’s merit” is awarded to any writer placing first, second or third in a category, or when a judge marks a non-placing entry as deserving of merit recognition.

How many levels are there?

There are six Master Writer levels, with Level 6 being the top honor of Writer of Merit.

Level One

Level One is earned with one judge’s merit in any category.

Level Two

Level Two is earned with 2 judge’s merits in two different categories OR a first place win in a category.

Level Three

Level Three is earned with three judge’s merits in 3 different categories, OR by winning first place in a category and earning a judge’s merit in a different category.

Level Four

Level Four is earned with four judge’s merits in four different categories, OR by winning first place in a category and earning two judge’s merits in different categories, OR by earning the AAEA Writer of the Year Award.

Level Five – Master Writer

Level 5 Master Writer is earned with five judge’s merits in five different categories, OR by winning a place in three different categories, OR winning AAEA Writer of the Year and three judge’s merits in different categories.

Level 6 - Writer of Merit

Level 6 Writer of Merit is earned by receiving judge’s merits in ten of the eleven categories.

Questions about your current level or standing in the Master Writer Program?

Contact Carly Byrd at cbyrd@asginfo.net or by calling 706-407-2550.

“Receiving the Master Writer award from AAEA is the highest honor I have been awarded. It has taken many years to reach this goal as a diverse writer, and being noted this by the judges reading my work means so much.”
- Jennifer Carrico

