

## 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.

“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



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