



FOR THE  
CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS  
2023 APPLICATION

**NEW \$200**

***\*Ercel Eaton Creative Writing Award\****

*\*In memory of Ercel Eaton, author, poet, and journalist, VBA is offering a \$200 award to students in the creative writing field.*

**2023 Award \$200.00**  
**Ercel Eaton Creative Writing Award Application**

***Mission Statement***

*The mission of the Ercel Eaton Creative Writing Award is to inspire writers to improve their craft and to motivate writers to get published.*

**ELIGIBILITY:** MUST be a student 16 years of age or older and reside, take classes/workshops or be enrolled as a student in a Butler County, Ohio school, college, or university.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- 1. Submission of one creative writing piece 250 – 750 words in PDF format.**
2. Currently enrolled as a student in a Butler County, Ohio school, college, or university.
3. Two (2) Essay Questions
4. One (1) Recommendation from a current teacher/instructor in the field of writing and to be included in complete application packet.
5. Short Biography
6. **Electronic Submissions:** Email to [virginiabudgeaward@gmail.com](mailto:virginiabudgeaward@gmail.com). Completed forms must be sent in **one** email **except** for recommendation letter which must be sent directly from the teacher/instructor. **PDF** format only.

Submissions will be accepted until **APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
No late or incomplete applications will be considered.



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**Ercel Eaton Creative Writing Award Application**

**PLEASE PRINT**

**Contact Information:**

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE# (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ WRITING INTEREST \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Method (i.e. email, phone...) \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

Are you currently attending a college/university? Full time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ Not Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Where \_\_\_\_\_

Your Goal: Degree and/or Other \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different from Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**Experience:**

Have you had any formal training or specialized classes in your area of writing interest(s) ?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list below: courses, lessons, and school(s) attended:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date attended \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date attended \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date attended \_\_\_\_\_

Special recognitions received (Attach additional sheet if needed):

\_\_\_\_\_ Year received \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year received \_\_\_\_\_



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**Essay Question#1:**

What are your career plans, aspirations, goals, etc.?  
(Attach additional sheet if needed)

**Essay Question #2:**

Please describe how you would use the Award if chosen by the Committee.  
(Attach additional sheet if needed)



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**Student Award Recommendation Form**

Current/Former Teacher/Instructor in Applicant's Field Writing

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for an award to further his/her interest in the Writing. Your recommendation will be considered in evaluating the applicant's credentials. Please furnish us with YOUR personal and professional opinion on the candidate's merit. Thank you for your assistance.

If mail-in applicant, please returned form to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

For electronic submissions, please include the applicant's name and your name and title in **PDF** format only to: [virginiabudgeaward@gmail.com](mailto:virginiabudgeaward@gmail.com)

Application deadline is **APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** for the applicant to be considered, therefore we would gratefully appreciate a prompt reply.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Bridget Ossmann*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



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√ CHECK LIST FOR APPLICANTS:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Creative writing piece
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student Application including completion of (2) Essay Questions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation Complete (1) Teacher/Instructor *IN* Field of Study
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of enrollment in Butler County, Ohio; school, college, university, class, workshops
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Short Biography**