
2019-2020

YEW Club

Membership Contract

The Young Eager Writers Association is dedicated to providing young writers with the resources, tools, and network to establish a sustainable writing career. YEW Clubs are the best way to join the youth writing community and build your resumé to forge your own path as a writer.

These contracts are to be **passed out and signed by each member at a YEW Club's first meeting**. This ensures that each member is willing to uphold their responsibilities as a part of this writing club. Once each member has signed a copy, the YEW Captain will collect them and keep ahold of them throughout the year. If a club member is not fulfilling their duties outlined in their contract, they risk their removal from the club.

Expectations:

- YEW Club members will assign one member to YEW Captain. The YEW Captain is expected to manage meeting discussions and take attendance via Google Forms, which YEW Club coordinators will create, send out, and check periodically. Captains can be reassigned if a previous Captain can no longer tend to their responsibilities, as long as YEW coordinators are informed.
- YEW Club members must meet at an assigned meeting location, preferably somewhere professional (classroom, library room, coffee shop, etc.). We DO NOT recommend meeting at an inappropriate location such as a member's apartment or a crowded restaurant.
- Club meetings must occur once a month for a **minimum** of 1 hour each meeting **OR** twice a month for a **minimum** of 30 minutes each meeting. Club members, however, are encouraged to meet as regularly and as long as they'd like.
- Attendance must be taken at **all monthly meetings** including each member's **full name**. If a YEW Club member receives more than **three** unexcused absences within a calendar year, said member will no longer reap the benefits of YEW's exclusive online resources.
- YEW Club members are to be respectful when workshopping the work of others, as well as in online discussion groups and at any YEW sponsored events. Members must follow YEW's code of literary critique:
 - All comments must be constructive feedback.

- YEW Club members should refrain from commenting on other members' work based on personal biases.
 - Always be accepting and kind to the voices and opinions of others.
- All members are responsible for checking for updates about meetings. If a member receives an informative email or direct message regarding a meeting's change in time, place, or date, the member will be marked as absent if not present that day.
- We encourage club members to give back to their writing community. Therefore, each club member is required to participate in one literary event each year. This can range from a book signing/reading at a local bookstore, events at one's local library, book festivals, writing classes, etc.
- We want to hear from you! So we're asking club members to write a **minimum of two paragraph** about their experience attending/participating in the local literary event they chose. We ask they send the two paragraphs (as a Word document or PDF) to YEW Club coordinators at youngeagerwriters@gmail.com
- To access YEW's exclusive online club membership page, members must sign up for the **free** yearly online membership at youngeagerwriters.org/yewclub. Once the account is approved by YEW Club coordinators, they'll have access to YEW Podcasts, an online content library, exclusive videos from the Young Eager Writers Conference workshop, and YEW's private Facebook group, monitored by YEW Club coordinators. Only accounts with full names that match the monthly Google Form attendance will be allowed access. Therefore, **clubs must have their first meeting in order to access the YEW Club page.**

By signing this contract, I agree to follow these expectations. If I fail to meet these expectations I understand that I am subject to removal from YEW Club and having my YEW Association membership terminated.

Print Full Name: _____

School Name (if applicable): _____

Date: ____/____/____

Signature: _____