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**WCMU Public Media Launches Hemingway-Inspired Teen Competition**

*Cash prizes to be awarded up to \$500*

How would Ernest Hemingway describe his experience with COVID-19? High school students in northwestern Michigan are invited to creatively explore this in a new competition established by WCMU Public Media and local libraries to complement this Spring's PBS [HEMINGWAY](#) documentary series by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick.

High school students are invited to contemplate this past year and their existence in it, drawing inspiration from Ernest Hemingway. They are encouraged to use whatever medium they choose – essay, poetry, video, music, photography, drawing, painting, photography – to illustrate their experience(s).

In partnership with Charlevoix Public Library, Petoskey District Library, Crooked Tree District Library with the Boyne Falls Branch, Boyne District Library, and Jordan Valley District Library, prize money provided by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation will be awarded to the winning entrants (1<sup>st</sup> place \$500 cash; 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$250 cash; 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100 cash). Winners will also be featured on WCMU Public Media's radio program "[Mosaic](#)," hosted by David Nicholas.

The Creative Expressions Competition for Teens will be judged based on criteria of creativity, technique, and overall impression. Entries are now being accepted through May 31, 2021. Winners will be announced in June 2021. Download the entry form and discover additional competition details at [WCMU.org/teencompetition](https://www.wcmu.org/teencompetition).

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