

## West Michigan Author Alliance

### 2024 Fantasy Quest Points Overview

Gamify your writing shenanigans in 2024! At the end of That November Thing, the top points-getters will be publicly recognized and receive their rewards at the Spring Writers' Conference. *Participation on the Fantasy Quest is optional. You may also choose to participate privately but not submit your points.*

#### How to Score Points

##### PREPARING TO WRITE (10 points max)

- Attend at least one PREPtober event *or* Kickoff. (5 points)
- Create a project on TrackBear and join the group tracker. (3 points)
- Complete the survey that runs through early Nov. (2 points)

##### WRITING PRODUCTIVELY (30 pts max)

- Be at or above par for the day. (1 point for every day at/above; substitute your par value if you have selected an alternative goal for the season, like editing)

##### WRITING TOGETHER (20 pts max)

- Attend at least part of the Day of Knockout Noveling on Nov. 9. (5 points)
- Attend at least one in-person official regional write-in *or* privately alert a Weasel Herder that you cannot do so and then join at least one full session of the Friday Night Virtual Write. (5 points; obtainable only once)
- Post a meaningful (to you) personal goal in the #writing-goals channel on the Discord server and then follow-up with a post during the month explaining how you attained it. Goal can't be to "win" this year. (5 points)
- Post a brief introduction in the #introductions thread on the Discord server by Nov. 5. (2 pts)
- Use a daily regional writing prompt and share it in #the-prompt-room on Discord, at least once in the month. (2 points; obtainable only once)
- Participate in at least one word sprint on the Discord server. (1 point; obtainable only once)

##### WRITING TO WIN (20 points max)

- Score a "win" for the year and post of your victory in #winners-circle on the Discord server. Wins are calculated solely in the 11/1 to 11/30 period. (20 points; alternative goals are welcome)

#### HEROIC SIDE QUESTS OF LEGENDARY LITERARY VALOR (20 pts max):

- Post a WMAA flyer at a bookstore, library, or café. (1 point per place; 5 points max; must name the place where the flyer was posted and send a photo of each as proof to hello@wmaauthors.net.)
- Earn a cushion of at least 5,000 words at some point during the month, verifiable on your TrackBear project tracker. (5 points)
- Design and upload a cover for your novel to the #novel-inspiration channel on Discord. (3 points)
- Post a link to your novel's playlist or pinboard in #novel-inspiration on Discord. (3 points)
- Visit an author or literary-themed booth at any event (a poetry reading, G.R. Comic Con, a book-and-author festival) and get proof of visitation. Email that proof to hello@wmaauthors.net. (3 points)
- Subscribe to the regional blog's mailing list. (1 point; granted if you're already signed up.)
- Attend all three prep events on Discord in October. (5 points)
- Attend all three editing events on Discord in December. (5 points).
- Attend the Fall Writers' Conference on October 19. (5 points)

#### DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANT (BONUS) POINTS (10 pts max):

- UP TO five total points per participant, awarded by one of the two Weasel Herders at their sole discretion, for an honorable contribution to the community or for slaying a personal dragon to achieve a writing goal. *These will be added to the #bonus-points channel on Discord.*
- UP TO five total bonus points for people who participated regardless of whether they won but went to the #winners-circle channel on the Discord server and outlined what they achieved, what they learned, and how their writing process has evolved. The reflection should be brief but meaningful, showing insight and a commitment to continuous improvement. The Weasel Herders will award points in the #bonus-points channel.