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Hey, you don't have to struggle after your writing dreams all by yourself.

Writers of Kern is here to help you reach your goals with access to published writers and agents, publication opportunities, even cash awards to support you while you write.

Here's a quick rundown of some of the key ways we can help you be the writer you always knew you would be.

#1 Meet Published Authors & Agents at Our Annual Writers' Conference

Sometimes, it really is about who you know. And at the Writers of Kern annual writers' conference, we'll introduce you.

WOK's annual writers' conference brings together members, agents, editors, published authors, successful screenwriters & novelists, and other writing field professionals for a full day of writing world insights and workshops right here in Bakersfield.

#2 See Your Name in Print in The Writers of Kern Anthology

The Writers of Kern Anthology, launched in 2018, offers yet another way for our members to earn their next publishing credit.

The anthology features poetry, flash fiction, short stories, and other writing. We accept submissions from members only.

See the anthology's [submission guidelines here](#).

#3 We'll Pay Your Bills While You Write

WOK's Peggy Connelly Scholarship awards \$500 cash stipends to up to two children's authors each year. This scholarship isn't just for students. And you don't have to be published yet to apply or win.

[See the guidelines and apply](#) for the scholarship here.

#4 Attract Readers Now & Build Your Online Author Presence through WOK's Annual Blog Challenge

Launch that blog you've been meaning to launch and attract new readers to your author platform now through WOK's Dan McGuire Blog Challenge.

Only two rules matter during this breakneck, 13-week challenge:

1. Write two posts each week on any topic.
2. Comment on two other challenger's posts each week.

Well, those and...*keep up if you can!*

Winners earn a prize and public accolades at the Writers of Kern annual winter dinner.

#5 Improve Your Writing Skills with The Critique Group That Fits *You*

Put your writing skills into action and get timely, helpful feedback from the friendly voices of your critique group.

We match members by genre, skill-level, needs, and availability to make sure each critique group member is the perfect fit.

The writers in our critique groups can help you take your writing that last mile to published. This is what collaboration and supportive feedback is all about.

Out of the Kern County or Bakersfield area? That's okay! We have groups that meet online. But you do have to be a member of Writers of Kern to join one.

Ready to apply? Tell us a little about yourself and your writing [right here](#).

#6 Test Your Publishing & Writing Chops on The Writers of Kern Website Blog

We publish poetry, flash & short fiction, writing tips, and topics that help our members write & publish their next work-in-progress. See our [blog submission guidelines here](#).

#7 Find Out What It Takes To Write & Publish In Your Genre at Our Monthly Meetup—Our Guest Speakers Hold Nothing Back

Each month, Writers of Kern invites a professional from the writing field—published authors & screenwriters, agents, editors, and everything in between—to share their tips and trade secrets during the WOK monthly meeting.

Workshop your work-in-progress with industry professionals who know what you're going through and know what it takes to get where you want to go next.

[See our next speaker here](#).

We take your writing goals seriously. And we have the programs and publishing opportunities to prove it.

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