

Plugin Documentation

# WP Voting Contest - Gravity Forms Add-on

Add-on Video Documentation Link :

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## Introduction

1. Add Contestants using the Gravity forms.
2. Mapping the Contestant Title, Description, Contestant Image and Custom Fields.
3. Mapping Contest Categories with the Pricing Fields, Radio and Checkbox of the Gravity forms.
4. Populating number of contestants based upon the user selected on the form.

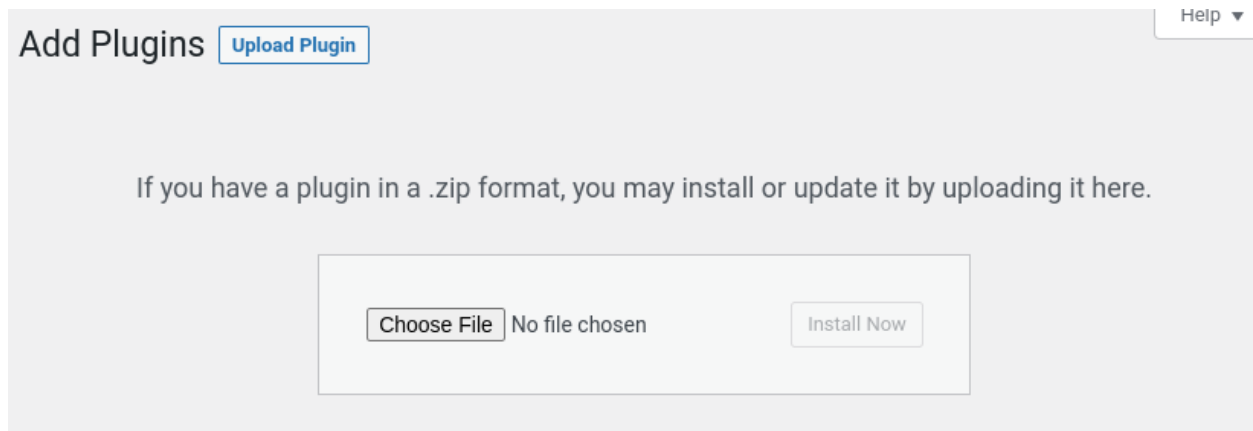
**Note:** The points mentioned above have been addressed during the development of the plugin.

## Installation

To upload the **wp-voting-gravity-forms.zip** file to the WordPress plugin page, follow these steps:

1. Go to your WordPress dashboard.
2. Navigate to "Plugins" and click on "Add New."
3. Click on the "Upload Plugin" button at the top of the page.
4. Click on "Choose file" and select the **wp-voting-gravity-forms.zip** file from your local computer.
5. Click on the "Install Now" button to upload the plugin.
6. Once the installation is complete, click on the "Activate" button to enable the plugin for use.

After activation, you can start using the Gravity Forms Add-on on your WordPress site.



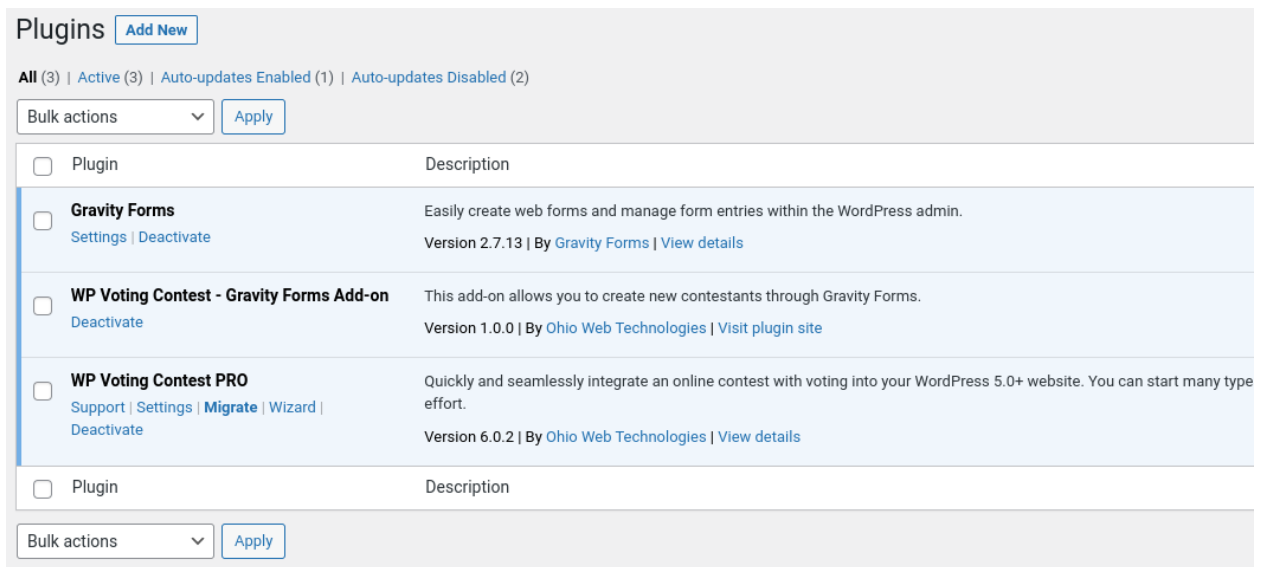
**Compatibility:** Before installing the Gravity Forms Add-on, ensure that your server meets the following requirements:

- PHP Version: Your PHP version should be above 7.4.
- WordPress Version: Make sure your WordPress version is above 6.0.
- WP Voting Contest Version: Ensure you have WP Voting Contest version 5.0 or higher installed.
- Gravity Forms Version: Make sure you have Gravity Forms version 2.7 or higher installed.

Meeting these prerequisites will ensure that the Gravity Forms Add-on functions smoothly and without any compatibility issues.

## Required Plugins

To ensure the seamless functioning of the **Gravity Forms Add-on** after installation, it is essential to have both the **WP Voting Contest Plugin** and **Gravity Forms plugin** installed in your WordPress dashboard. These plugins are necessary prerequisites for the Gravity Forms Add-on to operate effectively.



The screenshot shows the WordPress Plugins management interface. At the top, there is a 'Plugins' header with an 'Add New' button. Below this, there are filters for 'All (3)', 'Active (3)', 'Auto-updates Enabled (1)', and 'Auto-updates Disabled (2)'. A 'Bulk actions' dropdown menu is set to 'All' with an 'Apply' button. The main table lists three plugins:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Plugin	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gravity Forms</b> <a href="#">Settings</a>   <a href="#">Deactivate</a>	Easily create web forms and manage form entries within the WordPress admin. Version 2.7.13   By <a href="#">Gravity Forms</a>   <a href="#">View details</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WP Voting Contest - Gravity Forms Add-on</b> <a href="#">Deactivate</a>	This add-on allows you to create new contestants through Gravity Forms. Version 1.0.0   By <a href="#">Ohio Web Technologies</a>   <a href="#">Visit plugin site</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WP Voting Contest PRO</b> <a href="#">Support</a>   <a href="#">Settings</a>   <a href="#">Migrate</a>   <a href="#">Wizard</a>   <a href="#">Deactivate</a>	Quickly and seamlessly integrate an online contest with voting into your WordPress 5.0+ website. You can start many type effort. Version 6.0.2   By <a href="#">Ohio Web Technologies</a>   <a href="#">View details</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plugin	Description

At the bottom, there is another 'Bulk actions' dropdown menu set to 'All' with an 'Apply' button.

**Note:** If WP Voting Contest or Gravity Forms is not installed or activated, you will receive error notifications as shown in the image below. To avoid these errors, please ensure that both plugins are installed and activated.

**WP Voting Contest - Gravity Forms Add-on** requires "**Gravity Form**" to be installed and activated.

**WP Voting Contest - Gravity Forms Add-on** requires "**WP Voting Contest Pro**" to be installed and activated.

## Important

**Important:** If your choice labels contain any HTML or special characters such as ampersands, commas, hyphens or brackets of any type, you **"MUST"** enable the show values feature and give each choice a simple and unique value which does not contain any special characters. Failure to configure values could cause issues for features such as calculations, conditional logic, dynamic population, and validation.

The screenshot shows the Gravity Forms configuration interface for an 'Option' field. The 'Options' section is expanded, showing a list of choices. A red arrow points to the 'Show Values' checkbox, which is checked. The choices are listed in a table with columns for choice ID, label, value, and price.

Choice ID	Choice Label	Value	Price
41	Training or €	59	\$15.00
42	Behavior, H	60	\$15.00
43	Human/Anir	61	\$15.00
44	Reference	62	\$15.00
45	Fiction, Adt	63	\$15.00
46	Children pic	64	\$15.00
47	Children – E	65	\$15.00
48	Children – Y	66	\$15.00
49	Children – Y	67	\$15.00

The 'Options' section includes a 'Show Values' checkbox (checked) and a 'Bulk Add / Predefined Choices' button. The 'Field Setting' section on the right shows the field description: 'Choose a category for your submission. \$15 f any category. Must choose one.' and the 'Product Field Mapping' section with 'Entry Fee - Base Price' selected.

**Note:** Make sure to update the values in the Radio or Checkob or Pricing option field in the Gravity forms to configure it for the calculations and validations. This is mentioned in the Gravity form Documentation as well <https://docs.gravityforms.com/option/>.

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## The Feeds

After successfully installing and activating all the required plugins, the next step is to configure the settings in the Gravity Forms Add-on plugin to map the data. Follow these steps:

1. Go to your WordPress dashboard.
2. Navigate to the Gravity Forms => Forms.
3. Create a form and add the fields to map and add the Contestant.
4. Once you add the Form, Hover or Click the Form Settings link add the WP Voting Contest Feed .

By creating the form, the WP Gravity Form Add-on will be ready to map the fields and insert the contestants on your WordPress site.

The screenshot displays the Gravity Forms 'Forms' management interface. On the left, a dark sidebar contains the 'Forms' menu with sub-items: Forms, New Form, Entries, Settings, Import/Export, Add-Ons, System Status, and Help. The main content area is titled 'Forms' and includes an 'Add New' button. Below the title, it shows 'All (2) | Active (2) | Inactive (0) | Trash (0)'. A 'Bulk actions' dropdown and an 'Apply' button are visible. The main area contains a table of forms. The first form is 'Entry Form: 2023 Writing Competition', which is active (indicated by a green dot). A context menu is open over this form, listing options: 'Form Settings', 'Confirmations', 'Notifications', 'Personal Data', and 'WP Voting Contest' (which is checked). The second form is 'Test', also active. The table has columns for 'Status' and 'Title'. At the bottom, there is another 'Bulk actions' dropdown.

**GRAVITY FORMS**

Entry Form: 2023 Writing Competition | Edit | **Settings** | Entries | Preview

- Form Settings
- Confirmations
- Notifications
- Personal Data
- WP Voting Contest**

### WP Voting Contest Feeds

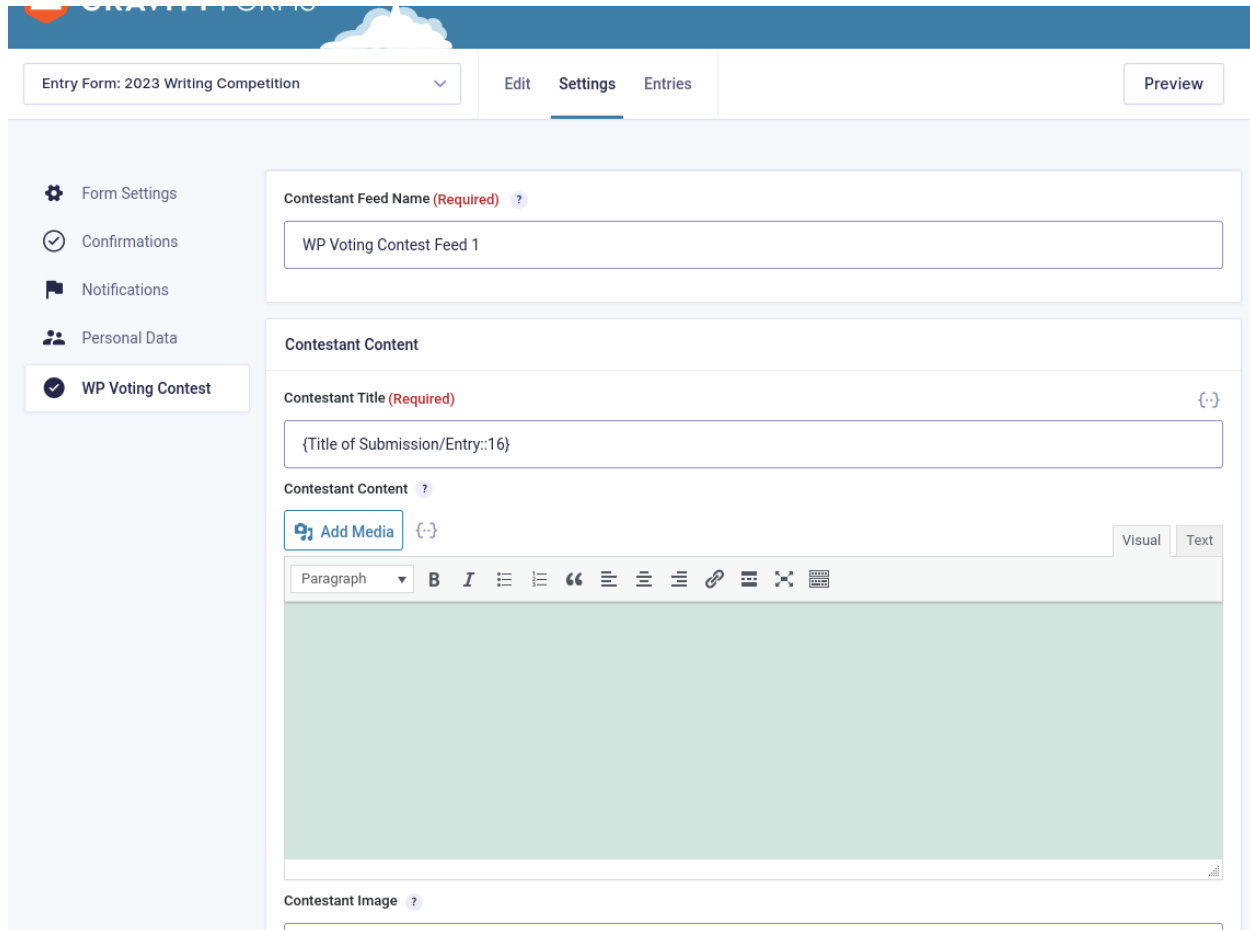
Bulk actions

<input type="checkbox"/>	Feed Title	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	WP Voting Contest Feed 1	Published
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feed Title	Status

Bulk actions

**Note:** Click 'Add New' to Create a Contestant Feed.

## The WP Voting Contest Feed



The screenshot shows the Gravity Forms settings page for a 'WP Voting Contest'. The top navigation bar includes 'Entry Form: 2023 Writing Competition', 'Edit', 'Settings', 'Entries', and a 'Preview' button. A left sidebar contains menu items: 'Form Settings', 'Confirmations', 'Notifications', 'Personal Data', and 'WP Voting Contest' (which is selected). The main content area is divided into sections: 'Contestant Feed Name (Required)' with a text input field containing 'WP Voting Contest Feed 1'; 'Contestant Content' section containing 'Contestant Title (Required)' with a text input field containing '{Title of Submission/Entry::16}'; another 'Contestant Content' section with an 'Add Media' button and a rich text editor toolbar (Paragraph, Bold, Italic, Bulleted List, Numbered List, Quote, Indent, Outdent, Link, Unlink, Table, Table of Contents); and finally 'Contestant Image' with an empty text input field.

Connect Gravity Form Fields in the WP Voting Contest Feed to associate values with Contestant entries, including Contestant Title, Contestant Description, Contestant Image, and more

**Note:** The Contestant Title field is mandatory because WordPress requires at least a title to display a post or page. Contestant Image will only be linked if the Gravity Form includes a File Upload field, and multiple file uploads are not permitted.



## Contestant Settings

You can modify the contestant status settings within the WP Gravity Form Addon, similar to the configuration shown in the image below.

**Contestant Settings**

**Status (Required) ?**

Published ▼

**Discussion**

Allow Comments

Allow Trackbacks and Pingbacks

## Contest Category Mapping

Previously mentioned, Contest Category will be linked through the Radio, Checkbox, or Product option fields specified within the Gravity form. It's important to ensure that the values for these fields are correctly configured in the Gravity form to enable calculations and validations.

### Map Contest Categories

**Category Field Map**

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Form Value	Category Name	
1. Article – Health or General Care	AKC Club Publication Excellence Award	+ -
2. Article – Behavior or Training	AKC Reunite Microchip Awareness Award	+ -
3. Article – Rescue	CANINE OR ALL-ANIMAL NEWSPAPERS OR NEWSLETTERS	+ -
<strong>AKC Club Publication Excellence Aw	MAGAZINE ARTICLES	+ -
<strong>AKC Reunite Microchip Awareness /	MAGAZINES	+ -
<strong>AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Pu	NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND COLUMNS	+ -
1. Article – Health or General Care	MAGAZINE ARTICLES	+ -
2. Article – Behavior or Training	AKC Reunite Microchip Awareness Award	+ -

**Note:** On the left side, you'll find a list of choices derived from the Pricing Option, Radio, and Checkbox fields configured within the Gravity form. You can select only one option to associate it with the Contest Category displayed on the right side. However, you also have the flexibility to match multiple Contest Categories with different choices from the fields. To achieve this, you can utilize repeater fields, as illustrated in the image, to align values with the respective Contest Categories.

## The Gravity Form

To showcase your Gravity Form to the public, you can employ the Gravity Form shortcode or utilize page builder addons. When a user fills out the form and clicks 'Submit,' the number of contestants created will correspond to the category options they selected.

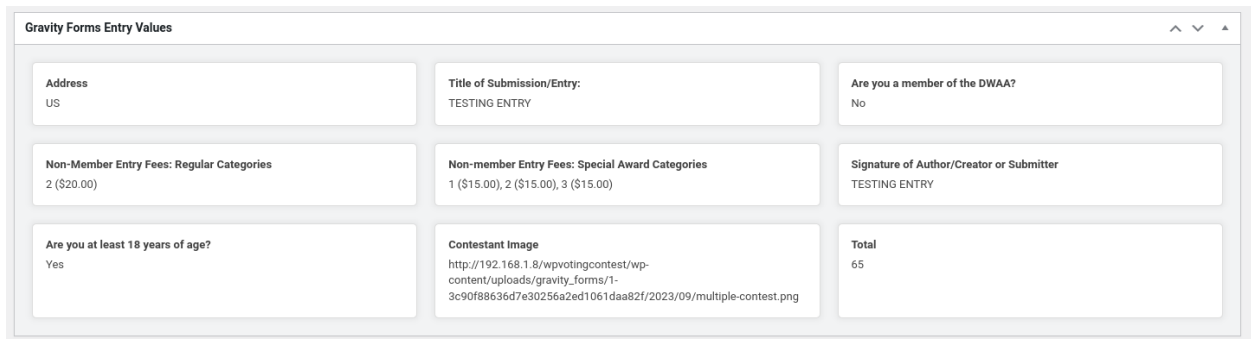
For instance, if a user chooses three options from the list of choices, the system will generate three contestants and allocate them to their respective contest categories.

### Display Values on Single Contestant Page

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots from the Gravity Forms interface. On the left is a form titled 'Author Name' with a description: 'This is the person who authored or created the work.' The form contains four input fields labeled 'First', 'Middle', 'Last', and 'Suffix'. Below this is an 'Address' section with fields for 'Street Address', 'Address Line 2', 'City', 'State / Province / Region', 'ZIP / Postal Code', and 'Country'. On the right is the 'Field Settings' panel for the 'Name' field. A red arrow points to the 'Show Field Value in Single Contestant' checkbox, which is checked. Other settings visible include 'Field Label' (Author Name), 'Description' (This is the person who authored or created the work.), and 'Name Fields' (Prefix).

After creating a Contestant using the Gravity Form Entry, in addition to the mapped values, other entry details will also be shown on the Single Contestant page. This presentation depends on your selection within the Field Setting 'Show Field Value in Single Contestant.' To display a specific field value on the Single Contestant page, you can enable this option in the Field Settings of your form.

## Display Values on Edit Contestant



The screenshot displays a window titled "Gravity Forms Entry Values" containing a grid of nine fields with their respective values:

<b>Address</b> US	<b>Title of Submission/Entry:</b> TESTING ENTRY	<b>Are you a member of the DWAA?</b> No
<b>Non-Member Entry Fees: Regular Categories</b> 2 (\$20.00)	<b>Non-member Entry Fees: Special Award Categories</b> 1 (\$15.00), 2 (\$15.00), 3 (\$15.00)	<b>Signature of Author/Creator or Submitter</b> TESTING ENTRY
<b>Are you at least 18 years of age?</b> Yes	<b>Contestant Image</b> <a href="http://192.168.1.8/wpvotingcontest/wp-content/uploads/gravity_forms/1-3c90f88636d7e30256a2ed1061daa82f/2023/09/multiple-contest.png">http://192.168.1.8/wpvotingcontest/wp-content/uploads/gravity_forms/1-3c90f88636d7e30256a2ed1061daa82f/2023/09/multiple-contest.png</a>	<b>Total</b> 65

All entered values from the form will be visible on the Edit Contestant Page within the admin interface, mirroring the format depicted in the provided image.

## Video Documentation for Add-on

Drive Link :

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1emdVIApDjcdZ6ucDNwFaDAhNq-GeR27J/view?usp=sharing>

