



Lisle Story Contest 2020

- Deadline:** March 1, 2020
- Cash Prizes:** \$100 Middle School
\$100 High School
- E-mail Submissions:** lislewomansclub@gmail.com
- Mailing Address:** Lisle Woman's Club
P.O. Box 3886
Lisle, IL 60532
- Award:** May 6th 7:00pm

We are looking for empowering short stories, with female main characters. They are to be written by any students that reside in Lisle and are in Middle or High School. These stories may be fiction, non-fiction or poetry.

The stories must be centered around women who are heroines of their own lives. The main character may be of any age, young or old. Whether single, mothers, grandmothers, professional women, artists, teachers, healers or religious associates. Every woman is different, and unique in their own way.

All women have an inner strength and determination. It can empower them to face struggles and experience both failure and success, when attempting new challenges. All of us are rebellious and wild at heart, in some respect, which promotes our empowering spirit, which enables us to be strong for ourselves and set good examples to others.

The Lisle Women take on many forms. We want stories about finding your main character, finding their inner spirit, using it to experience and meet the challenge and getting past the obstacles that confront them.

Eligibility & Entry Guidelines:

Entrants must be children in Middle School (6th - 8th Grade) or High School (9th - 12th Grades).

To be eligible, an entrant must be a legal resident of 60532. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify ineligible entries; such entries will not be returned.

Only one entry per person will be accepted in this Contest; all subsequent entries will be disqualified.

Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).

Stories can be fiction or non-fiction, prose or poetry.

Any failure to adhere to these Contest Rules may result in disqualification from the Contest.

Word Count Requirement:

Maximum of 2,500 words is 5 pages single spaced, 10 pages double spaced or less. The word count includes “a,” “an,” and “the,” but not the words on non-story pages such as the title page.

Text must be printed or written legibly or typed.

Non-English text must be translated on the same page and the translated text (English text) must adhere to word count.

Invented spelling is accepted.

Stories submitted by mail must be created on one side of the paper and numbered on the back of each page.

Official Entry Form

Each entry must include the official Lisle Story Contest Entry Form, with the required signature of a parent/guardian consent to allow their child to enter the contest, confirming that the story and art are original, and granting certain rights to the entry materials.

The entry form must be complete and legible, to be eligible.

Judging, Awards & Notification

All entries submitted to the local Contest will be judged using the criteria from a rubric, in the categories listed below, by a panel of judges selected by the Executive Committee of the Lisle Women’s Club. Two winners will be chosen based on Middle School and High School Criteria. Judging will occur on the dates as set forth by LWC in April. All decisions of the judges are final and binding and not subject to appeal or review.

Rubric Categories: Originality, Creative Expression, Organization/Progression, Use of Language & Conventions.

Return of Entries

The Contest administrators at LWC are not required to return mailed entries, but will do so only if entry is accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope of an appropriate size. LWC is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, misdirected, damaged, mutilated, incomplete, returned, or illegible entries, or postage-due mail.

Submission Checklist

Entry Form Completed

Word Count within guidelines

Formatted correctly:

Double Spaced

Calibri, Arial, or Times New Roman Font

1" Margin

Word or PDF file format

Email/Postmarked by Deadline: March 1st 2020