

Waldport Public Library Young Writers' Competition 2020 "Imagine Your Story"

Fiction or Biography

Application & Contestant Agreement

NEW SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Thursday, April 30, 2020, on or before 5 p.m.

NEW AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT: Thursday, May 15, 2020, 5:30 p.m.—Prize distribution to be determined.

Waldport Public Library, 460 Hemlock, Waldport, OR 97394, 541 563-5880,

waldportlibrary@waldportlibrary.org, or Drop off at 355 NW Alder St. Drive-Thru

Contestant: _____ DOB/Grade: _____

Entry Title: _____ Word Count: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, April 30, 2020**, by 5 p.m. All entries must be in final draft, typewritten with word count between 800 and 1500 words. Submissions may be brought to the Waldport Library, mailed, or sent electronically. Contestants may write fiction or non-fiction biographies for the theme "Imagine Your Story." Contestants are reminded that content and audience are a factor in judging.

The 2020 prompt is "**Imagine Your Story**" The prompt is based on this year's **Summer Reading Program** theme and asks the writers to write an imaginative short story (think fairy tales, folk tales, legends, heroes) or a biography. *Many students may have an entry they have written before based on this theme—including personal essays (biography) for college or scholarships. Those essays may be re-worked to fit the theme and word count for this competition.*

Fifth grade to high school students (fifth grade will be scored as middle school) in public, private, online or homeschool must live in Lincoln County, OR to be eligible for the competition.

Judging is based on standard and current grading standards. Each piece is given a numeric score from 1 (one being low) to 6 (six being high) based on the following criteria: **Ideas and Content, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions, Word Count, and Prompt/Audience.**

Only the title, contents, and word count will be read by the judges. Each entry viewed by the judges is given a code to make sure that the entry remains anonymous. Judges, in turn, remain anonymous to contestants. **Waldport Library staff members do not judge entries.**

Winners will be announced at the Awards' Ceremony on **Thursday, May 15, 2020**. Awards will be announced online with Prize distribution to be determined depending on global health circumstances.

Cash Prizes will be given out for the following: one (1) overall Grand Prize, \$200; one (1) high school first prize, \$100; one (1) high school second prize, \$75; one (1) first prize middle school, \$100; one (1) second prize middle school, \$75; one (1) honorable mention, \$50. Participation prizes will be given to each contestant.

Contestant's Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Permission (If under 18 years old): "I give my permission for my child/ward to participate, and to allow the Waldport Library to publish my child/ward's photo(s) and entry, and/or use online/media for publicity."

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone & email: _____

