

17th Annual Senior Lifestyle Expo Presents...

Connecting the Generations

Writing Challenge

PUT INTO WORDS AND TELL US: "*When you wanted to run away and join the circus, what were you going to be?*"

ELIGIBILITY: Entrants must have reached their 60th birthday on or before August 21, 2012.*

DEADLINE TO ENTER: Wednesday, July 25, 2012

RULES AND INFO:

- Maximum 300 words (does not include title). Entries over 300 words will be disqualified.
- Original work. Entries can be in poem, essay or narrative format.
- **Typewritten or computer entries only.**
- All entries will receive an acknowledgement postcard or e-mail.
- Each entrant's name, title of entry and city will be listed on the Expo website.
- A minimum of eight (8) finalists will be notified in writing by Monday, August 6th to attend the final awards presentation on Tuesday, August 21st.

*Employees, Board of Directors and/or Advisory Council Members of the Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging, their immediate family members, and those living in the same household are not eligible to participate in the *Connecting the Generations Writing Challenge*.

AWARDS AND PRIZES: The top 3 entries will be awarded **cash** prizes at the finals presentation. The top 3 entries will have the opportunity to read their entry aloud on the Drury Lane stage at the finals presentation.

JUDGING:

- All entries will be judged by a panel of individuals involved or interested in, the literary arts.
- Judging will be based upon the following three criteria:
 - Creativity / Originality
 - Appropriateness of Answer to the Question - "*When you wanted to run away and join the circus, what were you going to be?*"
 - Quality of Writing (includes content and grammar)
- Individual results will not be released and all judging will be completed prior to the final awards presentation. The judges' decisions are final and binding.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AND ENTRY:

Go to www.SeniorLifestyleExpo.org to complete and submit your application and entry on-line
OR mail application and entry to:

Senior Lifestyle Expo
Attn: Writing Challenge
245 W. Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 6
West Chicago, IL 60185

Check out the Expo website at www.SeniorLifestyleExpo.org for all things EXPO!
The Senior Lifestyle Expo is presented by the Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging

Questions? Contact Mimi at (630) 293-5990 or e-mail at mimis@ageguide.org.

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APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Title of Entry: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

What was/is your occupation? _____

Is your entry a...

- Poem Essay Narrative

Checklist:

- Counted words – no more than 300.
- Entry is typewritten?
- Answered the question – “*When you wanted to run away and join the circus, what were you going to be?*”
- Have you read the info below and signed the application?

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July 25, 2011

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All entries become the property of the Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging and will not be returned. By submitting an entry, entrant agrees to permit the Agency on Aging to, without compensation, use, edit, publish and republish his/her complete entry, in whole or in part, in any medium, including (but not limited to) Agency on Aging and Senior Lifestyle Expo websites and printed publications; and entrant further agrees to execute all documents necessary to confirm such permission. By submitting an entry, an entrant agrees that he/she has read, understands, and will comply with these Contest Rules and agrees to abide by the decisions of the judges; and, to the extent permitted by law, consents to the use of his/her name, likeness, and/or biographical data for purposes of advertising, promotion, and any publication of the entry without further consent, compensation, or approval. I pledge that this entry is completely an original work.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND SIGNED IT VOLUNTARILY.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____