



CELEBRATING ILLINOIS' BIRTHDAY

24th Annual Senior Lifestyle Expo Writing Challenge Competition

Please note that the finalist ceremony will take place on Tuesday on the Entertainment Stage

This year, we celebrate the 200th birthday of Illinois!

Looking back, what was your most memorable birthday?
What made it so special and worth celebrating?

ELIGIBILITY:

- Entrants must have reached their 60th birthday on or before August 20, 2019.
- Employees, Board of Directors and/or Advisory Council Members of the Agency on Aging Northeastern Illinois, their immediate family members, and those living in the same household are not eligible to participate in the Connecting the Generations Writing Challenge.

RULES AND INFO:

- Maximum 300 words (does not include title). Entries over 300 words will be disqualified.
- Original work only. Entries can be in poem, essay or narrative format.
- Typewritten or computer entries only.
- All entries will receive an acknowledgement letter.
- Winners will be notified in writing by Monday, August 5th, and will be asked to attend the finals presentation on Tuesday, August 20th.

AWARDS AND PRIZES:

- The top 3 entries will be awarded prizes at the finals presentation and given the opportunity to read their entry aloud on the stage during the awards ceremony.

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: (1) Creativity / Originality; (2) Appropriateness of Answer to the Question; (3) Quality of Writing (content and grammar)
- Individual results will not be released. The judges' decisions are final and binding.

For questions or additional information, call Kaitie Hauser at (630) 293-5990 or khauser@ageguide.org

Connecting the Generations Writing Challenge Application Form

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Title of Entry: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

IS YOUR ENTRY:

_____ Essay _____ Poem _____ Narrative

CHECKLIST:

_____ Counted Words - no more than 300

_____ Entry is typed?

_____ Have you read the information below and signed the application?

DEADLINE TO ENTER IS FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019

OPTIONS TO SEND APPLICATION AND ENTRY TO:

1. Go to www.SeniorLifestyleExpo.org to complete and submit your application and entry online
2. Send your application and entry to: Senior Lifestyle Expo

Attn: Writing Challenge

245 W. Roosevelt Road, Building 6, Suite 41-43

West Chicago, IL 60185

All entries become the property of the Agency on Aging Northeastern Illinois 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: _____