

THE MISSOURI STATE LIARS CONTEST - 2017

OFFICIAL RULES – ORAL CATEGORY

The following rules pertain to the Oral Category of the 2017 Missouri State Liars Contest, sponsored by MO-TELL (Missouri Storytelling).

Each entrant in the **Oral Category** of the 2017 Missouri State Liars contest must:

- Submit a video or audio file (or web link to such) of the complete story he/she is entering
- Submit a completed registration form with a \$40 entry fee for non-MO-TELL members, or a **\$15 entry fee for MO-TELL members**
- Be a legal resident of the state of Missouri or a paid member of MO-TELL¹

Each entrant may submit up to three stories. Each story submitted must be accompanied by a separate registration form and entry fee. Note that each entrant may submit up to three stories in each category, the Oral Category and the Written Category. The same story *may* be submitted in both categories, i.e., as an entry in the Oral Category *and* the Written Category.

Deadline for Entering

Story entries will be accepted until May 21, 2017. A panel of judges will choose 10 finalists from among the entrants in the Oral Category to compete in a live event in July. Finalists will be notified on or around June 15, 2017 of their selection for the final round.

Finalists in the Oral Category will be invited to compete in live final round on July 15, 2017, to be held at Mid-Continent Public Library--Woodneath in Kansas City, MO. A panel of judges will select the winner of the Oral Category at the event that day. The 1st place winner in the Oral Category will be awarded a cash prize of \$150; the 2nd place winner will receive \$75, and the 3rd place winner will receive a one-year complimentary membership to MO-TELL.

Eligible Stories

Eligible entries for the Oral Category of the 2017 contest include any story that's *not completely true*. Entries may be original compositions or they may be based partially or wholly on folklore or other material from the public domain. Copyrighted stories are not allowed in the contest, unless the contest entrant is the copyright holder. **Stories must be 10 minutes or less.** Stories must also be PG-rated—i.e., appropriate for an all-ages audience. Any story entered in the contest which fails to meet these requirements, as deemed by the judges, will be disqualified.

Judging Criteria

Stories will be judged based on three criteria: 1) originality of material, 2) performance quality, and 3) overall entertainment value. Although the performance of each entrant will be evaluated, the technical quality of the video or audio recording will not be a factor in the judging, as long as the story can be clearly heard and/or seen by the judges.

¹ Any individual involved in collecting entries or arranging judges will be deemed a contest director and will be ineligible from entering the 2017 contest. Immediate family members of contest directors or contest judges are also ineligible. Additionally, professional politicians (defined as individuals who earn the majority of their income from elected office) are ineligible from entering the contest while in office.



THE MISSOURI STATE LIARS CONTEST – 2017 REGISTRATION FORM (ORAL CATEGORY)

Please return this completed form with the contest entry fee payable to “MO-TELL” to the following address by 5/21/17:

Anthony Clark – MO Liars Contest Director
P.O. Box 1778
14373 Manchester Rd.
Ballwin, MO 63011

**NOTE: The contest entry fee is \$40 for non-MO-TELL members,
or \$15 for MO-TELL members**

After returning your registration, submit your story in a standard audio or video format (or a link to your story) to moliarscontest@gmail.com.

Name: _____	Name of Parent or Guardian for entrants under 18: _____
Address: _____ _____ _____	Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Title of Story: _____

Approximate length of story: _____ minutes

How did you hear about the contest? _____

PLEASE NOTE: Performances at the July 15 event may be photographed and recorded (audio and video) and used by MO-TELL to promote future contests or Missouri storytelling in general.

For questions about the contest, email moliarscontest@gmail.com.