

# THE MISSOURI STATE LIARS CONTEST - 2017

## OFFICIAL RULES – WRITTEN CATEGORY

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

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

- Submit a story in a Word document
- 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-TELL<sup>1</sup>

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 in the Written Category will be accepted until May 21, 2017.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the Written Category will be invited to read his/her story at a live event on July 15, 2017, to be held at Mid-Continent Public Library--Woodneath in Kansas City, MO. Note that if the winner is not able to attend the live event, a surrogate will read the winning written story. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in the Written Category will be awarded a cash prize of \$150; the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will receive \$75, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will receive a one-year complimentary membership to MO-TELL.

### Eligible Stories

Eligible entries for the Written Category of the 2017 contest include any story that's *not completely true*. Written entries must be original compositions, but they may be inspired by folklore or other material from the public domain. **Written entries must be 3,000 words 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 two criteria: 1) originality of material, and 2) overall entertainment value.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 (WRITTEN CATEGORY)

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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**

Along with your registration, submit your story as a Word document (no restriction on font types or size). You may also email your entry to [moliarscontest@gmail.com](mailto:moliarscontest@gmail.com).

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

Title of Story: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate length of story: \_\_\_\_\_ words

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](mailto:moliarscontest@gmail.com).