**THE MISSOURI STATE LIARS CONTEST - 2019**

**OFFICIAL RULES – ORAL CATEGORY**

*The following rules pertain to the Oral and Written Categories of the 2018 Missouri State Liars Contest, sponsored by MO-TELL (Missouri Storytelling).*

Each entrant in the **Oral Category** of the 2019 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 **$20 entry fee for MO-TELL** **members,** or a **$50 entry fee for non-MO-TELL members.**
* Each entrant may submit up to five (5) stories. Each additional story submitted must be accompanied by a separate registration form and $20 entry fee. Note that each entrant may submit up to five (5) 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 1, 2019. 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 1, 2019 of their selection for the final round.  Finalists in the Oral Category will be invited to compete in live final round on July 13, 2019 to be held at Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia, MO. A panel of judges will select the winner of the Oral Category and the winner will be announced at the event that day. Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in both the oral and written categories.
* **Eligible Stories**  Eligible entries for the Oral Category of the 2019 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.
* **If an individual wins the Liars Contest (oral) 5 times then they are no longer eligible to compete (in the oral category) and are elevated to the rank of Most Accomplished Liar in Missouri rank.**
* Any individual involved in collecting entries or arranging judges will be deemed a contest director and will be ineligible from entering the 2019 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 – 2019 REGISTRATION FORM (ORAL CATEGORY)**

**Please return this completed form with the contest entry fee payable to “MO-TELL” to the following address by May 1, 2019:**

**Sue Hinkel, MO-Tell Treasurer, 2236 Highway N, Pacific, MO 63069**

**NOTE: The contest entry fee is $50 for non-MO-TELL members, or $20 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 motell.liarscontest@gmail.com.**

 

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian for entrants under 18:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Story: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Approximate length of story: \_\_\_\_\_\_minutes How did you hear about the contest?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: Performances at the July 13, 2019 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 **motell.liarscontest@gmail.com.**