

Adams/Friendship Short Story Contest

The *Free and Accepted Masons of Quincy Lodge #71* would like to announce the annual **Short Story Contest** for the Adams/Friendship area high school, grade school and home schooled students.

There will be three age categories:

1. – 10 years old and under \$30 first place, \$25 second place, and \$10 third place prize
2. – < 15 years of age \$75 first place, \$35 second place, and \$20 third place prize
3. – < 18 years of age \$110 first place, \$70 second place, and \$40 for third place prize

The short story must be an **original / fictional** story, **created by the author**.

They will be judged on:

1. Originality and imagination
2. Grammar
3. Spelling and punctuation
4. Content

For children 6 and under, an adult may physically help the child put the thoughts down on paper but the imagination of the child is to create the ideas behind the story.

Participants may only enter in ONE category. If a younger participant wishes to write a longer story, they may submit their story into, and compete with writers from, the more advanced category.

Length:

- 10 years and under, max. of 200 words
- 15 years and under, max. of 500 words
- 18 years and under, max. of 2000 words

Pictures may be included in the story to add visualization to the author's ideas.

Keep in mind, more words don't necessarily make for a better story.

The stories shall be turned in to the Adams County Library no later than Noon, Wednesday, July 24th, 2019.