

"Dear Santa" Holiday Short Story Contest



ELIGIBILITY Contest is open to all area students in **Grades 4-12 AND adults!**

Students may participate whether public, private or home-schooled. Entries are limited to ONE (1) submission per person and must be original, non-published work. Submissions must have a holiday theme and contain at least a reference to a letter to Santa. Story can be no more than 5,000 words and cannot contain any vulgar or offensive subject matter or language. Entries may be accompanied by one (1) illustration (does not need to be author's artwork). Entries must be received by midnight on **Friday, November 16, 2018** in order to be eligible for judging. Prizes will be awarded on **Friday, November 30, 2018** at the Community Band Concert at the Zion Lutheran Church, 14 W Walnut Street, Tipp City, Ohio. Winning stories will be printed in the 2018 TCAAC Literary Publication.

RULES

1. Participants must fall into one of the following categories: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-12 or Adult. All area students may enter, whether public, private or home-schooled.
2. Story must have a "holiday" theme and contain at least a reference to a letter to Santa. The letter to Santa DOES NOT have to be significant to the story. Entry must be no more than 5,000 words or 5 typewritten pages. Limit of one (1) entry per person.
3. Entry must be **accompanied by a completed entry form**. (Entry form is on following page.)
4. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and artistic quality. Proper spelling and grammar will also be considered. Any entry containing profanity, vulgarity or offensive material will be disqualified. Any entry that does not meet contest requirements or exceeds 5,000 words or typewritten pages, will be disqualified.
5. All stories submitted must be original work by the author and may not have been previously published.
6. Judges' decisions are final. For any questions concerning the contest, please email Marilee Lake at tcaacwriterscamp@gmail.com. Please use TCAAC Holiday Story in subject line.

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Holiday Short Story Entry Form

Name _____

Parent's Name(s) _____
(If entrant is a minor, parent's name is required.)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Grades 4 through 6 Grades 7 through 8 Grades 9 through 12 Adult

Teacher's Name _____

School _____

Disclaimer:

I guarantee that this entry is my original work and I agree that the judges' decision is final.

Signature _____ Date _____

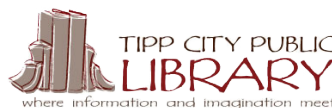
Parent's Signature _____ Date _____
(If entrant is a minor, parent's signature is required.)

Mail entries to: Tipp Monroe Community Services **OR** **Email to:** tcaacwriterscamp@gmail.com
TCAAC Holiday Story Subject Line: TCAAC Holiday Story
3 E Main Street
Tipp City, Ohio 45371

Drop off entries at Tipp City Public Library

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