



THE McTAGGART AWARDS FOR 2019

The Trustees of the Logansport-Cass County Public Library are pleased to announce the tenth annual McTaggart Writing Competition and Awards. Entries are due on or before June 1, 2019.

The Competition is in memory of long-time Logansport resident and Librarian, Bill McTaggart. Bill was a man of the arts, a student of letters, and a creator by nature. He painted, he acted, and he wrote. He taught others by both design and example. He was a renaissance man and humanist of the first order, and remains so in the memories of those who knew him.

All Cass County residents are eligible, including residents in other library districts. There will be two age divisions, adult and student. In each division, there will be two categories, poetry and prose. Cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 will be awarded by a panel of judges for first, second and third place in each category, and in each division, totaling \$2400. There will also be a grand prize of \$500, for the first place entry from across all categories and all divisions. The winners will be announced in August with the prize money awarded from the Library's Gift Fund.

Writers may submit five entries in each category within their appropriate division. All submissions will be retained and printed for public viewing. The student division will be limited to those writers aged 18 years or younger as of June 1, 2019.

Submission requirements will be enforced, and are available at the library and on its website at www.logan.lib.in.us. Good luck, and write well.

Please direct all inquiries and correspondence regarding this year's competition to:

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Entries should be submitted to the circulation desk of the Logansport Library and the Galveston Library by close of business June 1, 2019, or to the address above, postmarked no later than June 1, 2019.

PLEASE NOTE: the signed application form must be paper clipped to the entry. The author's name should not appear anywhere on the submission, so as to retain anonymity.



2019 McTAGGART WRITING CONTESTS RULES

IMPORTANT NOTICE: please be certain to follow each of the below criteria in order to avoid disqualification.

1. With the poetry exception at paragraph 6 below, each entry should be typed on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper in double-spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font. For general text, no bold italics should be used. However, use of bold or italics is permitted for effect within the context of the writing. No entry shall exceed 10 pages.
2. The title must be included on the first page of the manuscript, as well as the submission form.
3. Each entry should have the pages numbered, and the name of the entrant shall not appear anywhere on any of the pages of each submission. The purpose of this requirement is to retain complete anonymity of all entrants. A number will be assigned to each submission by the coordinator before distribution to the judges.
4. The McTaggart Writing Contest application must be paper clipped to the manuscript so that it can be easily removed before evaluation by the judges. A number will be assigned to each entry to ensure anonymity. No part of any entry or application should be stapled. Please use paper clips.
5. Entries which exceed the maximum length requirements (10 pages, double spaced, 12 point font) will be disqualified. Writers are reminded of the beauty of brevity.
6. While the prose entries must be double spaced, the poetry may be arranged and typed according to the poet's wishes.

7. DIVISIONS

There will be two divisions: Adult and Student. Student includes those individuals who are aged 18 years or younger as of June 1, 2019. All other entrants shall be classified as adults. All entrants must be residents of Cass County, Indiana. The competition is open to ALL residents of Cass County, Indiana.

8. CATEGORIES

There will be two categories: Poetry and Prose. Only five entries in each category, per person will be allowed.