

2025 HISTORIC IRVINGTON HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

WRITING CONTEST RULES & INFORMATION

Contestants are encouraged to submit a short story with a Halloween theme! This contest is open to Irvington and nearby neighborhood residents of all ages. Winners will be honored at our annual “Night out on Sleepy Hollow” event on **Thursday, October 23rd!**

****General Contest Rules & Guidelines****

- Submission deadline is **Friday, October 17th, 2025**. Late entries will not be considered
- Limit of one entry per contestant
- This is a local contest – **only** submissions from residents living in Irvington and nearby neighborhoods within the greater Indianapolis, IN area will be considered
- The story must be appropriate for general audiences. Any entry deemed inappropriate or that fails to meet the contest rules may be disqualified at the discretion of the contest coordinator
- For the purpose of this contest, an acceptable **short story** should contain **4,000 words or less** and can be a personal narrative, memoir, true story or work of fiction
- Judging will emphasize writing quality rather than length
- One winner will be selected for each of four age groups: Adult, High School, Middle School, Elementary School

****Instructions to Enter****

- Entries must be shared as a fully editable file for the purpose of proof-reading and word count (Microsoft Word, Google Doc, etc) ****Stories pasted in the body of an email or attached as a “view only” document or PDF file will be returned to the author***
- Include ALL of the following information at the top of your document. **Your address, phone number and email address will NOT be shared*
 - o Title of story
 - o Your first and last name
 - o Your current grade in school or ‘Adult’
 - o Name of school, if attending
 - o Your permanent home address
 - o Your phone number (or a parent’s)
 - o Your email address (or a parent’s)
- Email your story to irvspookystory@gmail.com
- Winners will be notified on or before Monday, October 20th, 2025

For more information about Historic Irvington Halloween contests and events, visit

www.irvingtonhalloween.com