

2023 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 Thursday, October 26th.

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

- Submission deadline is **Friday, October 13th, 2023**. 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 **Friday, October 20th, 2023**

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

www.irvingtonhalloween.com