

CSG LITERARY AWARDS 2024
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL “TELL ME YOUR FAMILY STORY”
ESSAY CONTEST

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THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$100!

ENTRY RULES

1. Entry is open to anyone (there is no age requirement) except for CSG staff and current/sitting CSG Board of Governors or immediate family thereof. Membership in CSG or Connecticut residency is NOT required.
2. Contest opens March 1, 2024. All entries must be received in CSG's Office by June 15, 2024.
3. Essay must have some relevance to New England (including at least one of the six states which are: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont).
4. Essays must be well written, not more than ten pages, double-spaced and typed. Supporting documentation should be included but will not be counted as part of the essay's text.
5. TWO copies of the essay (which will not be returned) must be submitted with each Entry Form. If submitting copies of supporting documentation, please include for both essay copies. If selected to be published, an electronic copy in Microsoft Word format will be required. Emailed essay entries are accepted.
6. Submit completed Entry Form to CSG at the mailing address above or to csginc@csginc.org. Entries may be hand delivered.
7. An entry may be submitted on a CD or a flash drive as long as the content is in a common format. Microsoft Word is preferred.
8. Photocopies of the Entry Form are welcome.
9. Currently there is no entry fee!

Essays may include family stories; oral histories; genealogy-related blog entries, excerpts from an ancestor's journal/diary; transcriptions of Bible records or cemetery markers; family histories/traditions and socio-economic background surrounding/affecting an ancestor. Each essay should include how it pertains to its author. Genealogical summaries should be easy to follow. Essay writers are encouraged to use their imagination when deciding on topics. Please bear in mind that essays must have some relevance to New England (see #3 above).

Essays will be evaluated on a variety of criteria, including but not limited to the relevance of the title to the content; page numbers (important); format (logical, readable, interesting narrative or arrangement); New England content (this is of paramount importance); spelling (this counts); sentence structure; grammar, and presentation. All entries will be permanently retained in the CSG Library and will be available to anyone who visits. The winning and selected entries may be published in *Connecticut Genealogy News* magazine. Authors are asked to sign the Copyright and Ownership Conditions on the entry form.

Winning entries will be formally announced at CSG's Annual Family History Seminar in October.
Winners will be notified by August 1, 2024. See reverse for Contest Entry Form.

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ENTRY FORM

Please Print or Type _____ Date Submitted: _____

Title of Essay: _____

Written by: _____

Are you a CSG Member? _____* CSG Member Number: _____

Address: _____

Town/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Where/How did you learn of this Contest? _____

*Membership is not required to enter. Please indicate if you would like more information about becoming a member.

Copyright and Ownership Conditions:

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Author Acceptance: I have read and accept the copyright and ownership conditions.

Signature _____ Date _____

We encourage you to photocopy this Entry Form and pass it on.

See reverse for Essay Contest rules.