



The 2020 Cavalcade of Author's Writing Contest is accepting entries for the following **two categories**: 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## PRIZES

**1st**—\$60 BN Gift Card, lunch with the authors at the Cavalcade event, a signed book of the winner's choice from this year's Cavalcade selection, and a Fast Pass to get to the front of all lines during Cavalcade.

**2nd**—\$40 BN Gift Card, lunch with the authors at the Cavalcade event, a signed book of the winner's choice from this year's Cavalcade selection, and a Fast Pass to get to the front of all lines during Cavalcade.

**3rd**—\$20 BN Gift Card, lunch with the authors at the Cavalcade event, a signed book of the winner's choice from this year's Cavalcade selection, and a Fast Pass to get to the front of all lines during Cavalcade.

## SUBMISSIONS

If your school is participating in Cavalcade of Authors or in our writing contest, you must submit a printed copy AND email an electronic copy to your school librarian by no later than **January 18<sup>th</sup>** for the preliminary round. First place entries will be forwarded by your librarian to Wendy Poteet by no later than February 1, 2019. If you are independently attending Cavalcade of Authors, all entries must be submitted to Wendy Poteet at [promovp.litconnection@gmail.com](mailto:promovp.litconnection@gmail.com) by **January 18<sup>th</sup>** the finalist from the independent category will be chosen and entered into the final round. The best story from each school and category will be judged by a panel of judges selected by Wendy Poteet. Winners will be announced at the Cavalcade of Authors main event on March 21, 2020.

## FORMAT GUIDELINES

All entries must be no more than 1500 words, double spaced, and in 12 point Times New Roman font, with black type on a white background. The title should be printed at the top of the first page of the story. Include a cover sheet with the title of your story, your name, the name of your school, your grade, the name of your librarian, and the word count of the entry. Entries must be submitted to Wendy Poteet as a Word document only. Google documents will no longer be accepted. On a separate page please state in writing whether or not you give your permission to post your work on our website. Please date and sign this statement.

## RULES

All entries must be a registered attendee for this year's Cavalcade of Authors event, or an attendee of a school that is registered or has a scheduled Cavalcade of Authors visit. Registration or author visit request must be completed before the contest deadline of February 1, 2020. The story may be written in prose, verse, graphic novel, or picture book. Verse and prose entries must be no more than 1500 words, graphic novel and picture book entries must be no more than 20 pages. The story must be the original work and artwork of the entrant. The story must meet the format guidelines. If photographs and/or artwork is included,

a signed statement of copywrite ownership, along with permission to publish, must be included with the entry.

## **JUDGING**

Entries will be judged on the following criteria: storytelling and imagination (creativity), quality of workmanship (grammar, spelling, art), and presentation (does it have good flow, is it complete, do the pictures and the words relate to each other?).