

2018 ALCOTT WRITING CONTEST RULES & INFORMATION

1. Entry must be an original, previously unpublished short story written in English by a student in 9th through 12th grades or 13 through 19 years of age.
2. In honor of this year's 150th publication anniversary of *Little Women*, entrant must in some way incorporate "150" within his/her/their story.
3. Entry must be at least 1,000 but no more than 2,000 words, typewritten, double-spaced, and in easily readable (i.e., not cursive or embellished) font no smaller than 12 point.
4. Only one entry per person permitted; entry cannot be returned.
5. Entry must be submitted between 12:00 am on Sunday, 30 September 2018 and 11:59 pm on Thursday, 29 November 2018.
6. Entry must be uploaded as a .PDF or .DOC via this form (preferable), or attached to an email and sent to writingcontest@louisamayalcott.org. (If electronic submission is a hardship, mail to Orchard House, Attn: Writing Contest, PO Box 343, Concord, MA 01742-0343)
7. All entries will be checked for plagiarism, any evidence of which will be cause for immediate disqualification.
8. Three (3) winners will be chosen by a panel of judges comprised of distinguished Alcott scholars and published authors: **Geraldine Brooks** - 2005 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Fiction and journalist; **John Matteson** - 2008 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Biography and John Jay College Professor; **Joel Myerson** - University of South Carolina Professor Emeritus.
9. Winners will be notified by phone and/or email no later than 1 May 2019; all decisions of the judges are final.
10. First Place Award - \$250; Second Place Award - \$150; Third Place Award - \$100.
11. Winning stories will also be published online by Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House; winning authors must agree to have their names associated with online publication.
12. Any employee, Board member, Corporator, or frequent volunteer of Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House, or an immediate family member thereof, is not eligible to enter.

By submitting, entrants acknowledge having read and understood all of the aforementioned rules, and, that they agree to release and hold harmless Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House, its Board, and all other representatives or affiliates thereof in any claim or cause of action arising from participation in this contest and, if selected as a winner, receipt or use of an award and subsequent online publication of his/her/their story.