2018 STUDENT STOWE PRIZE
Descriptions, Entry Criteria, Eligibility, and Submission Instructions

PRIZE DESCRIPTIONS

High School Students
The winning student* will be awarded $1000.00, have their work published on the Stowe Center website, and be featured at a public program and award ceremony in Hartford, Connecticut.

The top three finalists will be invited to attend the public program and award ceremony.

College Students
The winning student* will be awarded $2500.00, have their work published on the Stowe Center website, and be featured at a public program and award ceremony in Hartford, Connecticut.

The top three finalists will be invited to attend the public program and award ceremony.

*Entrants must be able to attend the June 2018 public program and award ceremony, in order to be eligible to receive the Student Stowe Prize.

ENTRY CRITERIA

- Types of writing can include:
  - Editorial
  - Essays
  - Memoirs
  - News or investigative reporting
  - Newspaper articles
  - Poetry
  - Play or screenplay
  - Short stories
  - Song lyrics
  - Student-created and managed blogs

- Writing length should not exceed 1500 words.
  - For writing exceeding this length, please select portions that will meet the criteria.
Writing must be written by the entrant, original and published.
  
  o  See “Eligibility” for more information on publication requirement
Quotations and uncommon facts should include proper citations.
Entries will be judged based on both writing and the action the piece of writing has inspired, on a social justice issue.
Entries must focus on a social justice or human rights topic. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, race, class, and gender.
Attach a brief statement, of no more than 250 words, describing how your work makes a tangible impact on a social justice issue critical to contemporary society.

**Examples of tangible impact –**

  o  Your work has:
    - **Inspired someone to take positive action on a social justice issue**
      - Because of your report on people that are food insecure in your community, your class started a program that provides backpacks full of food for students in need to take home on the weekends
    - **Created discussion/conversation around an issue**
      - Because of your editorial/news reporting about human trafficking in the United States, local police forces have increased their efforts to recognize and prevent human trafficking
    - **Changed someone’s behavior**
      - Because of your blog chronicling your attempt to be a conscientious consumer, your university is examining its buying choices around fair trade items.
    - **Resulted in changes of policy or procedures**
      - Because of your article in the school newspaper about cyberbullying, your school adopted a zero tolerance policy and had all students sign a contract pledging to Stand Up to Bullying.
    - **Increased awareness about a social justice issue**
      - Because of your short story about a young girl who was a victim of human trafficking, students organized an Abolitionist Fair to raise awareness about modern day slavery.

**ELIGIBILITY**

**High School Students**

  - The Student Stowe Prize is open to all matriculating high school students in the United States.
  - Entries must be original and must have been published or publicly presented.
  - Entries must meet the criteria of the Student Stowe Prize.
• One submission accepted per entrant.
• Entries must also include completed Student Stowe Prize Entry Form, Parental/Guardian Release Form*, Impact Statement**, and Academic Integrity Pledge.
• Entrants must provide two letters of reference from adults who can verify the impact the writing has created. References must include: Name, Title, Contact information.
• Entrants must be able to attend a public program and award ceremony held in Hartford Connecticut in June 2018 in order to be eligible to win the Student Stowe Prize. (Travel expenses for winner and parent/guardian provided by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center.)

**College/University Students**

• The Student Stowe Prize is open to all matriculating undergraduates at colleges and universities in the United States.
• Entries must be original and must have been published◊◊◊.
• Entries must meet the criteria of the Student Stowe Prize.
• One submission accepted per entrant.
• Entries must also include completed Student Stowe Prize Entry Form, Parental/Guardian Release Form*, Impact Statement**, and Academic Integrity Pledge.
• Entrants must be able to attend a public program and award ceremony held in Hartford Connecticut in June 2018 in order to be eligible to win the Student Stowe Prize. (Travel expenses for winner and parent/guardian provided by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center.)

◊ Publication may include local and/or national media, blogs, school publications, scholarly journals, organization publications, and magazines. For all publications, entries must include a description of how and where the work was published in the Impact Statement.

◊◊ “Publicly presented” includes work that has been shared in front of an audience. For all public presentations, entries must include a description of how and where the work was presented in the Impact Statement.

◊◊◊ Publication may include national media, nationally recognized blogs, university publications, scholarly journals, organization publications, and magazines. For all publications, entries must include a description of how and where the work was published in the Impact Statement

* Required for all entrants under the age of 18.

** See “Entry Criteria” for statement requirements
**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

- Entries must be e-mailed or postmarked by February 2, 2018.
- E-mail submissions to StudentStowePrize@stowecenter.org. Entries should be directly in the body of the e-mail or as a PDF attachment.
- Hard copies should be sent to the address below:

  Student Stowe Prize  
  Harriet Beecher Stowe Center  
  77 Forest Street  
  Hartford, CT 06105

Please contact StudentStowePrize@stowecenter.org with any questions.