

# HARRIET BEECHER STOWE PRIZE

## 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:
  - Editorials
  - 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.
  - 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 –***

- 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<sup>◊</sup> or publicly presented<sup>◊◊</sup>.
- 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<sup>◇◇</sup>.
  - 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](mailto: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](mailto:StudentStowePrize@stowecenter.org) with any questions.