

Hayes film festival offering cash prizes in poetry, essay contests

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The American Presidents Film & Literary Festival is sponsoring poetry and essay contests with a September deadline. (Photo: Sheri Trusty/Correspondent)

FREMONT - Think you're a pretty good writer or poet? The American Presidents Film & Literary Festival is offering poetry and essay contests.

Winning entries in three age categories for the poetry and essay contests receive cash prizes.

Entries must be submitted as an email attachment to writingcontest@birchard.org or can be submitted online at americanpresidentsfilmfestival.org/submit-writing/.

The deadline for all entries is 11:59 p.m. Sept. 7.

The topic of the poetry contest is "A Conversation With Your Favorite President." Poems can be about a single president, more than one president or the U.S. presidency in general. Entries cannot exceed 32 lines. Entries are limited to two per person.

Age groups and prizes for the essay and poetry categories are youth ages 11 and younger, youth ages 12-18 and adults.

In each category, first prize will be \$50; second, \$30; and third, \$20.

In the essay contests, entrants are to write about "A Conversation With My Favorite President." The essay should address what the entrant would talk about, what questions

he/she would ask of the president; what might the participant learn from the conversation. Entries are limited to one per person.

In the category for youths ages 11 and younger, maximum length is 200 words. For the youth ages 12 to 18 and adult, maximum length is 500 words.

It is the second year for the festival and writing competition. Entries may be published on the film festival's website and may be included in the festival program.

For full contest rules, visit americanpresidentsfilmfestival.org/submit-writing/.

Award winners will be notified by Sept. 23. For information on the writing contests, contact Pam Hoesman, literary committee chairman, at 419-334-7101 or pam.hoesman@birchard.lib.oh.us.

Visit the film festival's website at www.americanpresidentsfilmfestival.org, and like its Facebook page at fb.me/ampresfilmlit and follow on Twitter [@film_american](https://twitter.com/film_american).

The American Presidents Film & Literary Festival is organized by the Liberty and Learning Foundation, Fremont City Schools, Birchard Public Library, Hayes Presidential Library & Museums and Downtown Fremont.