



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

STORYTELLING COMPETITION

*Enter for your chance to be named the
2020 Master Storyteller*

**Submit your original short stories, podcasts
and short films to
storystate@comm.msstate.edu
by 11:59 p.m.
February 15, 2020.**

Winners will be publically announced
March 19, 2020 during the
inaugural Story State event
on the Mississippi State campus.
Contest rules on back

2020 Story State Call for Entries

We invite you to take part in the undergraduate multimedia competition as part of the Communication Department at Mississippi State University's inaugural Story State event.

Story State's mission is to foster innovative storytelling. Stories are used to continue rich family traditions, convey core educational concepts and illustrate societal values. Story State seeks original, compelling submissions from Mississippi's emerging storytellers on any topic.

Submission Guidelines

Eligibility:

The contest is open to all undergraduate students enrolled at any Mississippi college or university.

Accepted Works- all submission :

- **Written Stories:**

Manuscripts of 2,000 to 5,000 words can include narrative journalism, creative nonfiction and other complete short works of nonfiction, and excerpts from longer works of nonfiction. We welcome submissions that may have already been written as long as they have not been previously published.

- **Oral Stories:**

Podcasts of no more than 10 minutes and must include an opening, middle and summary. Can be an excerpt from a longer podcast, such as a segment. Submissions must not include any music created by anyone other than entrant.

- **Filmed Stories:**

Short documentary films no longer than 10 minutes.

How to Enter:

Email entries to storystate@comm.msstate.edu:

- In the body of the email, list name, email address, phone number, school name and classification. Also include title of submission title and brief summary of your work.
- Written entries should be attached to the email as a .pdf document.
- Video files may be sent as Google Drive, Vimeo or Dropbox links.
- Podcasts may be uploaded as attachments, sent as Google Drive or Dropbox links, or uploaded to SoundCloud.

There is no limit on entries per school; however, an individual student cannot enter more than once to each category.

All submissions due by February 15, 2020 at 11:59p.m. CST.

Evaluation

Written entries will be evaluated on content and mechanics, including, but not limited to organization and writing style.

Podcast entries will be evaluated on information and structure, personality and creativity and production quality.

Film entries will be evaluated on content, editing, and production quality.

Winners

All entrants will be notified by email of the judges' decisions, which will be final. Winning entries will be announced during an awards ceremony at the 2020 Story State Conference, March 19, 2020 on the campus of Mississippi State University. Winners are strongly encouraged to attend.

\$150 Cash prize to Master StoryTeller (in addition to category award)

\$100 to winner of each category

Questions?

Please email Melody Fisher at storystate@comm.msstate.edu