



## *Little House Big Story* Contest Entry Packet

In 2017 Old World Wisconsin will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Wisconsin native Laura Ingalls Wilder.

*Little House in the Big Woods* has inspired millions of people around the world to learn more about Wisconsin, history, and Laura's adventures since it was first published in 1932.

To celebrate the power of the Little House books, Old World Wisconsin will be hosting a Laura's ***Little House Big Story*** contest. *Little House Big Story* asks people from all over the nation to submit their own story of how Laura Ingalls Wilder inspired them to learn more about Wisconsin, history, or their own family stories. Old World Wisconsin will select finalists from each category (youth and adult), and on July 22, 2017 a panel of expert judges will select 1 winner from each category as part of our *World of Little House* event.

Contestants can submit their stories in several ways:

- A video
- A written work
- An artwork

Each entry will be put in one Category: *Youth* (under 18) or *Adult* (18 and above)

Entries will be judged on the following merits:

- Demonstrated passion for and interest in the works of Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Ties to larger historical exploration and curiosity
- Use of story and narrative
- Clear and creative personal expression

### **Submission Guidelines**

#### **Video**

**Hard Copy:** Mail a DVD with your digital file (in a standard, playable format such as Mp4). Video should be no longer than 3 minutes in length. Please make sure to include the below Contestant Contact Information along with your DVD.

**Digital:** Email us a link to your video posted on YouTube where judges can review your work. Video should be no longer than 3 minutes in length. Due to email security, we

cannot accept attached video files. Please make sure to include the below Contestant Contact Information in your email.

### **Written Work**

**Hard Copy:** Mail a printed copy on standard letter sized paper to the below address. Total length should not exceed 1,000 words. Please make sure to include the below Contestant Contact Information with your submission.

**Digital:** Email us a PDF of your submission. Total length should not exceed 1,000 words. Please make sure to include the below Contestant Contact Information in your email.

### **Artwork**

**Hard Copy:** Mail your artwork, or images of your artwork, to the below address. Only 2-D submission, smaller than 24" x 24" will be accepted. However, photographs of 3D or larger 2D artworks are acceptable, see below for Digital Submission information. If original artwork is submitted, please note that OWW is not responsible for any damage sustained during shipping, will not return submitted items, and is not responsible for any costs associated with postage. Please make sure to include the below Contestant Contact Information with your artwork.

**Digital:** Email up to 5 images (.jpgs only, please) of your artwork. Please make sure to include the below Contestant Contact Information in your email.

### **Submission Process**

All Submissions must include a completed *Little House Big Story* Entry Form. A copy of this form is at the end of this Entry Packet.

Each contestant may submit only one (1) entry in total.

All entries must be received by Old World Wisconsin no later than May 1, 2017.

All entries must be mailed to:

Old World Wisconsin  
*Little House Big Story* Contest  
PO Box 69  
Eagle WI 53119

Or emailed to [LittleHouseBigStory@wisconsinhistory.org](mailto:LittleHouseBigStory@wisconsinhistory.org)

Submissions which do not follow the above guidelines may not be considered for judging.

OWW and WHS are not responsible for any cost associated with travel to OWW for *World of Little House* events or the *Little House Big Story* Contest Winning Ceremony. Submitted materials will not be returned to contestants.

## **Finalists**

A panel of Old World Wisconsin staff will judge all *Little House Big Story* submissions that meet the guidelines, according to the merits listed above. 12 finalists will be chosen in total. All finalists will be notified via the contact information provided by June 2, 2017.

All Finalists will:

- Be recognized on the Old World Wisconsin web page
- Receive a VIP invitation for the finalist and 3 guests to attend the *Little House Big Story* Judging on July 22, 2017 at Old World Wisconsin
- Receive 2 free passes to Old World Wisconsin to use anytime during the 2017 season
- Have their submission publically exhibited as part of the World of Little House programming at Old World Wisconsin July 22 - 30, 2017

## **Winners**

A panel of Guest Judges, made up of Historians and Laura Ingalls Wilder experts, will judge the Finalist's work according to the merits listed above.

A winner will be chosen in each category (youth and adult) and announced on July 22, 2017 as part of *Little House Big Story* Judging at Old World Wisconsin. Finalists do not need to be present to win.

Each Winner will:

- Receive a VIP 2017 Weekend Pass\* for themselves and 3 guests, which includes lunch at The Clausing Barn Café, Museum Store Gift Certificate, Free Admission, and a VIP Tour with Old World Wisconsin Staff
- Be recognized on the Old World Wisconsin web page
- Receive a 1 year Family Membership to the Wisconsin Historical Society
- Be featured on Old World Wisconsin's Facebook Page
- Have a copy of their winning submission entered into the Old World Wisconsin Archives

*\*Must be scheduled in advance with Old World Wisconsin, and must take place during regular, public hours on a weekend day in the 2017 season. A gift certificate of \$50 will be provided for use at the Clausing Barn Café, and a gift certificate of \$50 will be provided for use in the museum store. The Wisconsin Historical Society reserves the right to substitute prizes at an equal or greater value.*

## **Your Rights**

You will retain all rights to your submission. By submitting your work to *Little House Big Story* you grant the Wisconsin Historical Society a royalty-free, nonexclusive right to:

- Display the submission on the Wisconsin Historical Society or Old World Wisconsin's website.

- Use the submission, or its likeness, for promotional efforts associated with educational and public programming in perpetuity. All use of submissions will be credited whenever possible.

**Eligibility**

The *Little House Big Story* contest is open to all residents of the United States. Employees of the Wisconsin Historical Society are not eligible to participate. There is no age limit; however, submissions by minors under the age of 18 require written permission from a parent or guardian, included in the *Little House Big Story* Entry Form.

**RELEASE AND LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

By entering, you agree to release and hold harmless the Wisconsin Historical Society, affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in *Little House Big Story* or receipt or use of any prize, including, but not limited to: (a) unauthorized human intervention in the contest; (b) technical errors; (c) printing errors; (d) late or undelivered mail; (e) errors in the administration of the contest; or (f) injury or damage to persons or property.



## *Little House Big Story* ENTRY FORM

### Contestant Contact Information

<b>Name</b> <i>(please print)</i>		
<b>Category</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth (under 18)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult (over 18)
<b>Address</b>		
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Phone</b>		

By signing below I confirm that I have read and understand the information presented in the *Little House Big Story* Contest Entry Packet.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### For Youth Applications

**If the contestant is under the age of 18, the following information is needed:**

Parent or Guardian's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below I confirm that I have read and understand the information presented in the Contest Entry Packet, and hereby approve of my child's participation in *Little House Big Story*.

Parent or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_