



August 1, 2016

Mr. Chris Glass
Anderson County High School
1 Bearcat Dr.
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Dear Chris,

Gilda's Club Louisville is pleased to announce its 5th Annual "The Write Stuff" Teen Writing and Visual Arts Contest. Kentucky and Southern Indiana middle and high school students impacted by cancer are invited to submit their own original essay, poem, two-dimensional artwork or video. Entries can be about their own cancer diagnosis or that of a family member or friend. All are welcome to enter, including those who have previously entered, so please feel free to share this information with your peers and students.

After two rounds of judging by educators, authors, artists, community members and cancer-care professionals, the top three entries in each category will be awarded cash prizes. More importantly, the contest gives teens an opportunity to share their personal experience with cancer, to help other teens see that they're not alone.

We hope "The Write Stuff" will help open a dialogue and increase awareness of Gilda's Club Louisville as a resource for anyone facing cancer, regardless of diagnosis, stage of treatment, age, gender, or socioeconomic status. Our mission is to ensure that those impacted by cancer are empowered by action, strengthened by knowledge, and sustained by community. Each of our monthly 100+ programs are offered at no cost to participants.

The link to enter – as well as electronic versions of these documents and all contest details – may be found at www.gildasclublouisville.org/WriteStuff. All entries are due no later than midnight EST, Friday, September 30, 2016.

Thank you for helping us get the word out about this important teen program. Feel free to contact me for more information at (502) 583-0075 or janet@gildasclublouisville.org with "The Write Stuff" in the subject line.

Sincerely,

Janet Gruenberg
COO
Gilda's Club Louisville

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The Write Stuff



Teen Writing & Visual Arts Contest

Because every story deserves to be told.

Your story. Your voice.

Share with us how cancer has touched your life in your own words or artwork, with your personal reflections and original insights.

JUDGED CATEGORIES INCLUDE

- Essays written by survivors
- Essays written by middle school students connected to cancer
- Essays written by high school students connected to cancer
- Poems written by middle and high school students – survivors or connected
- 2-D art created by middle and high school students – survivors or connected
- Videos created by middle and high school students – survivor or connected

REQUIREMENTS

- Open to students in grades 6-12 who have a cancer connection
- Must be a resident of Kentucky or Southern Indiana
- Parent/Guardian consent to participate
- One entry per student – essay, poem, artwork or video
- Enter by going to www.gildasclublouisville.org and clicking on "Enter Write Stuff".
- ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT EST, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

Cash prizes up to \$500 for winning entries.

For more info, visit gildasclublouisville.org/writestuff or email janet@gildasclublouisville.org with "Write Stuff" as the subject.



The Write Stuff Teen Contest Rules



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Write Stuff Teen Contest is open to students in grades 6-12 who have a cancer connection – their own diagnosis or that of a family member or friend. Students must be residents of Kentucky or Southern Indiana and may enter in one category only – essay, poetry, art or video. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category (1st - \$500, 2nd - \$250, 3rd - \$125).

Submissions become the property of Gilda's Club Louisville and may be edited for clarity or space consideration and displayed in printed publications and on www.gildasclublouisville.org. All entries must be submitted electronically (pieces of art may be mailed or delivered-see below) and are due by midnight, Friday, September 30, 2016. All submissions must accompany a completed entry form. All contestants will be notified of the contest outcome. Judges' decisions are final.

ESSAY SPECIFICS

Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. Essays must be typed in 12 pt Times New Roman font, double-spaced and no fewer than 750 words and no more than 2,000 words. No PDFs, please. Essays must be student's own original voice – reflecting his or her experience living with cancer, personal insights, original thoughts, lessons learned and individual character. Enter by going to www.gildasclublouisville.org and clicking on "Enter Write Stuff".

POETRY SPECIFICS

Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. Poems must be typed in 12 pt Times New Roman font, a minimum of 15 lines in length and a maximum of 20 lines. No PDFs, please. Poems must be student's own original voice – reflecting his or her experience living with cancer, personal insights, original thoughts, lessons learned and individual character. Enter by going to www.gildasclublouisville.org and clicking on "Enter Write Stuff".

ARTWORK SPECIFICS

Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. Artwork must include an artist statement that is typed in 12 pt Times New Roman font, no fewer than 200 words and no more than 500 words. Your artist statement should give context to your piece and how it relates to your cancer journey. No PDFs, please. All artwork must be original and the sole work of the student. Artwork media may include paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, photography, collage, woodcuts, linoleum block prints, silk screen, monoprints, lithographs, fixed chalk or pastel and computer art. No color photocopies will be accepted. Artwork must not exceed 11"x17" and must be 2-dimensional.

Enter by going to www.gildasclublouisville.org and clicking on "Enter Write Stuff". Artwork must be mailed or delivered flat or rolled in a tube - not folded - to Janet Gruenberg at Gilda's Club Louisville, 633 Baxter Avenue, Louisville, KY 40204. Artwork may be picked up at Gilda's Club Louisville at the end of February 2017, following a public exhibit.

VIDEO SPECIFICS

Student's relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Self, Family or Friend. All videos must be 2-4 minutes long, original and the sole work of the student. All videos should be uploaded to YouTube and labeled as "public" but not "searchable". An artist statement in 12 pt Times New Roman font, no fewer than 200 words and no more than 500 words. No PDFs, please. Your artist statement should give context to your piece and how it relates to your cancer journey. Enter by going to www.gildasclublouisville.org and clicking on "Enter Write Stuff".