

Adirondack Publishing
Adirondack Daily Enterprise – Lake Placid News

SPRING 2024 WRITING CONTEST
Biography/Personal Profile

The Adirondack Daily Enterprise and Lake Placid News — based in Saranac Lake — are sponsoring a Biography/Personal Profile writing contest for students in grades 4 through 12.

The contest is open to students in the newspapers' readership area — those who are homeschooled or who attend the following districts and schools: AuSable Valley Central, Keene Central, Lake Placid Central, Saranac Lake Central, Tupper Lake Central, North Country School, Northwood School and St. Bernard's School.

Prizes:

- Elementary School (grades 4-5): First, \$100; second, \$75; third, \$50; honorable mention, \$0
- Middle School (grades 6-8): First, \$200; second, \$150; third, \$100; honorable mention, \$0
- High School (grades 9-12): First, \$300; second, \$225; third, \$150; honorable mention, \$0

Timeline:

The submission deadline is Friday, March 29. Winning Biography/Personal Profiles will be selected by our judges in April, the contest will culminate in a celebration reading in May (date and venue TBA) and winning entries will be published in both newspapers.

Submission guidelines:

Each Biography/Personal Profile must be written about a LIVING person. For writing tips, see the supplied writer's guide titled, "Writing Biography/Personal Profiles," which includes links to Biography/Personal Profiles previously published in the Adirondack Daily Enterprise and Lake Placid News.

Entries will be judged by newsroom staff on interest, writing style, punctuation, capitalization, grammar and storytelling technique. Writers must interview the story subject (in person or by phone). Interviews can be supported by research from news stories and primary source material such as letters, etc. to help students write the stories. Photos of the subjects can be taken by the writer or supplied.

All submissions must be emailed to Adirondack Daily Enterprise and Lake Placid News
Editor/Publisher Andy Flynn: aflynn@lakeplacidnews.com.

- Attach the essay to the email as a Word document or PDF.
- Title the email: "2024 Spring Writing Contest Submission: [writer's name]."
- Essays should be double spaced, in Times New Roman, 12pt font.
- Elementary school submissions must be between 500 and 700 words.
- Middle school submissions must be between 700 and 900 words.
- High school submissions must be between 800 and 1,000 words.
- Each Biography/Personal Profile should include a headline; writer's name, grade, school; teacher's name; and teacher's contact information (phone and email).
- Each email should include 1-2 photos of the person being profiled. Attach the photos as a jpeg (at least 1 MB in size). DO NOT embed the photo inside the Word document.
- The deadline to submit is 5 p.m. Friday, March 29.

Questions? Email aflynn@lakeplacidnews.com or call 518-891-5559.