



THE LOCKWOOD-MATHEWS MANSION MUSEUM
A Registered National Historic Landmark

2022 Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum's Young Writers' Competition *Breaking Barriers*

Grades 6 – 8 Background Information & Requirements

Background Information

Participants will write an essay about a person, group of people, place, or an invention that is considered groundbreaking, pioneering or innovative, especially one that broke technological, social or cultural barriers. Young writers should try to persuade the reader of the importance of their topic and how it broke barriers in its time or today. Below are some questions to help students brainstorm a topic:

- Who was a person or group of people who advocated for positive change in the world?
- What is a place that was itself innovative or where many innovations took place?
- What was an invention or discovery that changed the world?

We encourage participants to reach out to LMMM's Education team to confirm if a topic qualifies for submission. Essays submitted cannot feature people, groups, places, or inventions of a crude or hateful nature or that incited violence. Any essay that does so will be immediately disqualified.

Requirements

- Minimum of 3 and no more than 5 typed pages, double-spaced and 12-point font.
- 5 reputable cited sources in MLA format.
 - **Please visit our website for additional resources on how to create a works cited page, to properly cite sources, and to find reliable sources.**
- Each submission must include the following at the top of the first page:
 - The submission's title.
 - The student's full name, school and grade level, and their town and State of residence.
- Submissions due by **Fri., Jun. 3, 2022.**
- **To submit stories:**
 - For Educators: request a pickup from a LMMM representative: (203) 838-9799 ext. 6
 - Email: education@lockwoodmathewsmansion.com
 - Mail to: LMMM Education Program, YWC 2022
295 West Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06850

Awards and Prizes

- Competition winners will be awarded cash and other prizes.
- The Awards Ceremony for winners and their families will be held on **Sun., Nov. 20, 2022, 2 p.m.**
- **All Winning Submissions will be available to read by winners, dignitaries, and LMMM Volunteers.**

Questions?

Contact the Education Program Director Iliana Begetis or Education Coordinator Charles Hill.

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