



“Discover the Sweeter Side of Aging!”

23rd Annual Senior Lifestyle Expo

Writing Challenge Competition

Put into words and tell us:

What part of aging has added sweetness to your life?

What about this is sweeter now than it would have been in your youth?

Please note that the finalist ceremony will take place on the stage in the Courtyard of Drury Lane.

ELIGIBILITY

- Entrants must have reached their 60th birthday on or before August 21, 2018.
- Employees, Board of Directors and/or Advisory Council Members of the Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging, their immediate family members, and those living in the same household are not eligible to participate in the *Connecting the Generations Writing Challenge*.

RULES AND INFO

- Maximum 300 words (does not include title). Entries over 300 words will be disqualified.
- Original work. Entries can be in poem, essay or narrative format.
- Typewritten or computer entries only.
- All entries will receive an acknowledgement letter.
- Winners will be notified in writing by Monday, August 6th, and will be asked to attend the finals presentation on Tuesday, August 21st.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

The top 3 entries will be awarded prizes at the finals presentation and given the opportunity to read their entry aloud on the stage in the Ballroom Foyer of Drury Lane during the awards ceremony.

JUDGING

- All entries will be judged by a panel of individuals involved or interested in the literary arts.
- Judging will be based upon the following three criteria: (1) Creativity / Originality; (2) Appropriateness of Answer to the Question; (3) Quality of Writing (content and grammar)
- Individual results will not be released. The judges' decisions are final and binding.

DEADLINE TO ENTER is Friday, July 27, 2018

Options to Send Application and Writing to:

1. Go to www.SeniorLifestyleExpo.org to complete and submit your application and entry on-line.
2. Send Application and Entry to:
Senior Lifestyle Expo
Attn: Writing Challenge
245 W. Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 6
West Chicago, IL 60185

For questions or additional information, please call Kaitie (630) 293-5990 or khauser@ageguide.org

