

“Telling Our Tales” 2021 Guidelines and Instructions

Thomas Wolfe is often considered North Carolina’s greatest author. Best known for his style of autobiographical fiction, Wolfe used observations of his life and the world around him in his writing. In his short story “One of the Girls in Our Party,” Wolfe demonstrates his mastery in a piece of writing characterized by a main character in a setting who encounters and engages in an interesting and entertaining activity. In honor of Wolfe’s legacy, the Thomas Wolfe Memorial encourages students to submit their own creative work, inspired by “One of the Girls in Our Party” and Wolfe’s style of fiction. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen from three age groups: Grades 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Cash awards of \$50, \$30, and \$20 will be given to first, second, and third place winners, respectively. Manuscripts will not be returned, so be sure to keep a copy of your entry.

- 1) Read Thomas Wolfe’s “One of the Girls in Our Party.” Refer to pages under the “For Teachers” tab at www.wolfememorial.com for more information and materials.
- 2) Students will submit an essay using one or more of the prompts from “Ideas for Student Consideration 2021.”
- 3) Entries must be between 500-1000 words (2-4 pages), typed 12-point font, double-spaced, and in Word or PDF format.
- 4) Include a title page with the following information: title of story, your name, address, phone number, grade, the name of your school or home school.
- 5) Submissions will be judged anonymously. To assure confidentiality, **please only put the author’s name on the cover page.**
- 6) Please include the title of the story on the top of every page, in the upper right corner with the page number.
- 7) All entries must be original, written by the author, and unpublished.
- 8) Be sure to include the mandatory **Submission Form** with your paper.
- 9) Entries must be sent via mail or emailed to the Thomas Wolfe Memorial by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9th. Stories sent by mail (postmarked no later than the 9th) must be sent to:

Thomas Wolfe Memorial
52 N. Market Street
Asheville, NC 28801.

Stories sent by email should be in pdf or Microsoft Word format, with a scanned or digitally signed, mandatory **Submission Form** (included with materials on our website). Emailed entries should be sent to Kayla Seay at kayla.seay@ncdcr.gov.