

# Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### TWELFTH ANNUAL ALDRICH FOUNDATION SHORT STORY CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Original short stories by Nebraska authors are currently being accepted for the 2014 Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation's short story contest.

Story length should be 1,000-2,000 words (there is no minimum word requirement for the Intermediate category) and submissions should be written in the wholesome spirit displayed by Bess Streeter Aldrich in her works. No essays, please. A list of books by the author which entrants can read to become familiar with her work is available on the Foundation's website, [www.BessStreeterAldrich.org](http://www.BessStreeterAldrich.org).

Prizes will be awarded at the annual Spring Banquet of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation in April 2014. Cash prize amounts are: Adult: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$100.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$50.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$25.00. High School (grades 9-12) and Middle School (grades 6-8): 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$50.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$25.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$15.00. Intermediate School (grades 3-5): 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$25.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$15.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$10.00.

Writers should send a cover sheet with their name, address, e-mail address, phone number, title of story, and two copies of the story, one with their name and one without. Please include a line telling how you learned about the contest. For students, add age, grade, school, and teacher's name to the cover sheet. Please enclose a SASE for return of contest results. Stories will not be returned. Families of Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation Board Members are not eligible.

The due date for submissions is the author's birthday, February 17, 2014 (postmark date). Send submissions to: Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation, P.O. Box 167, Elmwood, NE 68349. A complete list of rules can be found at [www.BessStreeterAldrich.org](http://www.BessStreeterAldrich.org).