

2023 ANNUAL AHSGR STORYTELLING CONTEST

The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia is seeking **unpublished** personal stories about the history, culture, folklore, language, or life experiences of **Germans from Russia**.

All stories must be in **English**. Written stories must be no longer than **1,500 words** and audio/video stories must be no longer than **15 minutes**. See page two for additional rules and details. **Deadline is May 31, 2023**.

Please check the category for which you are entering your submission:

CATEGORY

- Adult Division: age 15 and above
- Youth Division: age 14 and below
- (Youth membership to all winners)
- Written
- Multi-Media

AWARDS

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| First Place | \$100 |
| Second Place | \$75 |
| Third Place | \$50 |
| Fourth Place | \$25 |
| Honorable Mentions possible | |

ENTRY FORM

This completed form must accompany your entry.

I hereby give my permission to allow the inclusion of the following story in the annual Storytelling Contest of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia:

_____ This story/multimedia has not previously been published/posted in any form.

_____ I own all copyright to my story/multimedia.

_____ I grant AHSGR the rights to publish my story and multimedia for AHSGR use.

Signature: _____ Date _____

Story Title: _____

Format of your story: _____

I am currently a member of AHSGR: _____ Yes _____ No

FULL NAME: (please PRINT clearly): _____

ADDRESS: (Street & Apartment Number): _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

YOUTH ONLY:

AGE: _____ **BIRTHDATE:** _____ **PARENT SIGNATURE:** _____

AHSGR STORYTELLING CONTEST RULES

Deadline is May 31, 2023

AHSGR is seeking unpublished stories about the history, culture, folklore, language, or life experiences of Germans from Russia. The story must deal with an aspect of **Germans from Russia**.

To put your story in context, you might want to begin with something like... *"This story is based on an actual incident that took place about 1890, in the Volga village of Straub. The story was often told by my grandfather who was born in Straub in 1875 and who immigrated to the United States in 1907."*

Examples may include:

- Memories of village life in the Old Country (festivals, traditions, foods)
- Stories of immigration to the New World (the voyage, Ellis Island, early hardships)
- "Believe it or not" family, inspiring stories, etc.
- Videos can be demonstrations (interviews with elders, dance, recipes, etc.)

1. Written entries should be double-spaced on 8½x11" white paper with one-inch margins in a standard 12-point typeface. Stories must be in English and no longer than 1,500 words.
 - a. Electronic stories should be submitted as a PDF.
 - b. If submitting your entry by regular mail, include five typewritten copies.
 - c. Attach photos that would enhance your story. Photos should be 300dpi and submitted as JPG or PNG.
2. Videos must be provided in AVI or MPEG format. Multimedia must be no longer than 15 minutes.
3. Do NOT include your name on your story; write your name just on the entry form.
4. The title of the story must appear on the first page of each entry.
5. Include a short biography of yourself and a photo.
6. Do not send originals, as they will not be returned.
7. Contestants may submit as many entries they wish, but each entry must be accompanied by a separate completed entry form.
8. Receipt of your entry will be acknowledged by email.
9. Stories will be evaluated by judges using a score sheet.
10. Results will be announced at the AHSGR Annual Convention.

By e-mail: Send this completed form, a copy of your entry, photos that will enhance your story, a short biography, and a photograph of yourself to ahsgr@ahsgr.org with "**Storytelling Contest: Attention E&P Coordinator**" in the subject line.

Regular mail: Send this form, five printed copies of your story, a copy on a CD or flash drive (if possible), pictures, bio and a photograph of yourself to **AHSGR Storytelling Contest, 631 D St., Lincoln, NE 68502**.