

VANDALIA GATHERING

LIARS CONTEST

SUNDAY, May 24

Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater • Culture Center

Registration for Liars Contest: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Contest begins at 2:30 p.m.

Awards: \$100 First Place; \$75 Second Place; \$50 Third Place; \$25 Youth Award (15 and under)

LIARS CONTEST RULES

West Virginia residents only

1. The “lies” should be short stories (humorous, dramatic, supernatural, etc.) with a maximum length of 5 minutes.
2. All contestants must register. Three winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd places) to be chosen from all competitors.
3. **Awards ceremony will take place following the contest.**
4. Judging will be done by a panel of three storytelling experts who will score each contestant in the following categories:
 - a. **Technique** - Delivery, confidence, general stagecraft
 - b. **Story Development** - Good development of the tale in time available
 - c. **Originality** - New material or fresh handling of a familiar yarn
 - d. **Effectiveness** - In judges’ opinion, taking audience response into consideration
5. The judges will confer at the end of the contest to decide the winners.
6. The decision of the judges will be final.
7. All tales will be recorded and placed in the West Virginia State Archives. Stories may be published in *GOLDENSEAL* or other publications.
8. First-place winner in the 2019 Liars Contest is not eligible to compete this year. The 2020 first place winner, by turn, is not eligible to compete next year. This rule does not apply to the youth category unless that person placed first in the overall category.
9. To process monetary awards, winners must complete a standard W-9 form, an invoice form, and supply the Department of Arts, Culture and History with Social Security numbers.
 - a. Youth winners must have their own Social Security numbers and be accompanied by a parent when completing the forms. Parents’ Social Security numbers are not acceptable.
 - b. Winners will receive award checks in the mail within three weeks of Vandalia Gathering as long as all paper work is completed on the day of the competition.

The three judges will score each of the four categories on a scale of 1 to 5, with a maximum of 20 points per competitor. Final scores will not be given to contestants.