

2014 Gala Judging Form: Nonfiction
Black Hills Writers Group

Scoring:

- 5: Excellent and publishable quality
- 4: Good
- 3: Competent but not polished. Average
- 2: Fair
- 1: Poor. Recommend significant rewrite
- 0: Missing/lacking element

Essay Title: _____

- _____ Theme: The story fits the theme of "Family."
- _____ Opening: The piece hooks the reader immediately.
- _____ Topic: Topic is interesting and should have broad appeal to many readers.
- _____ Thesis: Clear to the reader, skillfully articulated, and consistently developed without side tracking.
- _____ Organization: Writing is fluid and organized in a way that is appropriate for the topic.
- _____ Completion: Essay feels complete. It covers the topic to a satisfactory degree.
- _____ Language: Language and usage is consistent and appropriate for the topic.
- _____ Logic: Logic is used appropriately for the style of essay and for the topic.
- _____ Mechanics: The essay is free of punctuation, spelling, grammatical and formatting errors.
- _____ Overall: How much did you love this piece?

Recommend	Don't Recommend
10	0
9	1
8	2
7	3
6	4
5	5
4	6
3	7
2	8
1	9
0	10

_____ TOTAL SCORE (50 possible points) Judge's Initials: _____

(Judges, please post comments on the back of your score sheet if you don't have enough room on the front. Requests to authors for editing will come from those comments, so if you recommend this piece, be sure to include suggestions for improvement as well as areas of weakness. Thanks.)