The Write Stuff Contest
Rules

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Write Stuff Contest is open to students in grades 6-12 who have a cancer connection – their own diagnosis or that of a family member or friend. Students must be residents of Kentucky or Southern Indiana and may enter in one category only – essay, poetry or art. Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category (1st - $500, 2nd - $250, 3rd - $125).

Submissions become the property of Gilda’s Club Louisville and may be edited for clarity or space consideration and displayed in printed publications and on www.gildasclublouisville.org. All essays and poems must be received electronically by midnight EST, Friday, October 2, 2015. All visual art and artist statements must be postmarked or hand-delivered by midnight EST, Friday, October 2. Submissions must accompany a completed entry form. All contestants will be notified of the contest outcome. Judges’ decisions are final.

**ESSAY SPECIFICS**

Student’s relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Middle School (Self, Friend or Family) or High School (Self, Friend or Family). Essays must be typed, double-spaced and no fewer than 750 words and no more than 2,000 words. Essays must be student’s own original voice – reflecting his or her experience living with cancer, personal insights, original thoughts, lessons learned and individual character. Essays and entry forms should be emailed to essay@gildasclublouisville.org.

**POETRY SPECIFICS**

Student’s relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Middle School (Self, Friend or Family) or High School (Self, Friend or Family). Poems must be typed, a minimum of 10 lines in length and a maximum of 20 lines. Poems must be student’s own original voice – reflecting his or her experience living with cancer, personal insights, original thoughts, lessons learned and individual character. Poems and entry forms should be emailed to poem@gildasclublouisville.org.

**ARTWORK SPECIFICS**

Student’s relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Middle School (Self, Friend or Family) or High School (Self, Friend or Family). Artwork must include an artist statement, no fewer than 200 words and no more than 500 words, giving context to your piece and how it relates to your cancer journey. All artwork must be original and the sole work of the student. Artwork media may include paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, photography, collage, woodcuts, linoleum block prints, silk screen, monoprints, lithographs, fixed chalk or pastel and computer art. No color photocopies will be accepted. Artwork must not exceed 11”x17” and must be 2-dimensional.

Entries must be mailed or delivered flat or rolled in a tube – not folded. Artwork may be mailed or delivered to Janet Gruenberg at Gilda’s Club Louisville, 633 Baxter Avenue, Louisville, KY 40204. Artwork may be picked up at Gilda’s Club Louisville no later than May 2016, following a public exhibit.

**VIDEO SPECIFICS**

Student’s relationship to cancer must be noted on entry form: Middle School (Self, Friend or Family) or High School (Self, Friend or Family). An artist statement, no fewer than 200 words and no more than 500 words and giving context to your piece and how it relates to your cancer journey should be emailed to video@gildasclublouisville.org. All videos must be original and the sole work of the student. Entries must be between 2-4 minutes and must be uploaded to youtube.com no later than midnight EST, Friday, October 2, 2015.