

Original short stories by Nebraska authors are currently being accepted for the 2012 Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation's short story contest.

Story length should be 1,000-2,000 words and submissions should be written in the wholesome spirit displayed by Bess Streeter Aldrich in her works. No essays, please.

Prizes will be awarded at the annual spring banquet of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation in April 2012.

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. Writers should include a line telling how they 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, Feb. 17, 2012 (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.