



## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CURWOOD SAGA WRITING CONTEST

Dear Student Writer:

Here is an opportunity to share your writing skills and earn some recognition—and maybe an iPod—by entering the Curwood Saga writing contest. This contest is a part of the Curwood Festival and is for young people in grades 4 – 12.

James Oliver Curwood was a bestselling author of the 1920's who turned his passion for nature and conservation into stories that captured readers nationwide. Many of his books were made into movies. This year's Curwood Festival's theme is "Fantasy and Fiction," and it offers the perfect prompt for your story. Use your ideas and imagination to captivate your audience, and write with emotion, energy, and enthusiasm. If you are excited about your story, then your readers will be too.

The grand prize for the best overall story is an engraved iPod touch. First prize in each of the three divisions will be an engraved iPod nano, and second prize will be \$50.00. All seven winners will be invited to ride in the 2010 Curwood Festival Heritage Parade on Saturday, June 5. Additional prizes include \$10.00 gift certificates for the authors whose stories earn an honorable mention, and all winners, including the honorable mentions, will have the opportunity to have their stories published on the Shiawassee Independent's website. Please save your story as word document so that your entry can be published if you are a winner.

Stories will be judged on style, clarity, originality, grammar, and mechanics. Entries will be judged in three divisions. Elementary Division (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) entries should be 3-5 pages long and may be typed or neatly handwritten or printed. Junior Division (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) and Senior Division (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) entries should be between 5 and 25 typewritten, double-spaced pages. Entries must be the original work of the entrant.

Mail your story to Curwood Saga, c/o Curwood Festival, P.O. Box 461, Owosso, MI 48867 or deliver it to the festival office in the Matthews Building, 308 W. Main St., Owosso\*. **The entry deadline is 5 P.M. on Friday, March 12, 2010.**

Contest officials reserve the right to reject any and all entries, and all entries become the property of the Curwood Festival, Inc. and will not be returned. Additional entry forms may be downloaded at [curwoodfestival@michonline.net](mailto:curwoodfestival@michonline.net).

**Paperclip the attached entry form to your story.** Your name must NOT appear on the story itself. Entries will be coded to your entry form and separated for judging.

GOOD LUCK!

\*Enter the Matthews Building via the Water Street door. Keep left and follow the hallway to the Curwood Festival office, last door on the left.

