

Historical Society of Riverton  
Second Annual Writing Prize  
Spring 2023

**Summary:**

The Historical Society of Riverton (HSR) is awarding a cash prize of \$500 for a 1500 word essay that answers a question about Riverton's history. The winning entry will be featured on the HSR's website: [www.rivertonhistory.com](http://www.rivertonhistory.com). Noteworthy essays that do not win the primary prize may also be published on the HSR's website. Essays will follow MLA guidelines for published works (see attachment).

**The Question: What did Rivertonians do for fun 100 years ago?**

In your essay, discuss the ways people entertained themselves in the 1920s. How and with whom did they socialize? Where did they go to have fun when they weren't working? What social, political, economic and technological changes were happening nationally and in this region that affected what people did for fun in the 1920s?

**Where to start?**

Our website includes many photographs and articles on Riverton's history that may help inform and illustrate your essay. The HSR has many issues of historic Riverton-area newspapers digitized and available online at: <https://rivertonhistory.com/historical-local-newspapers/>.

**Who may submit an entry?**

Any high school student living in Riverton may apply.

**Questions?**

Essays and questions related to the prize should be submitted to HSR's Membership Chair, Heather Huffnagle at [heather.mary.macintosh@gmail.com](mailto:heather.mary.macintosh@gmail.com), (856) 505-7087.

**Review Committee**

The Review Committee will be comprised of HSR Board Members and professionals among its membership with education and/or experience in historical research, education and writing.

**Timeline:**

Entries will be accepted until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Awardees will be contacted on May 31<sup>st</sup>.