



40th Annual Tampa-Hillsborough County Storytelling Festival June 3 – August 5, 2021 Frequently Asked Questions

Is this a competition? Students in grades K-12 are welcome to submit videos and every storyteller that records and submits a festival quality performance will be featured. See [How to Record and Submit Your Story](#) and the [Storytelling Criteria](#).

Do I have to have any previous storytelling experience? The Tampa-Hillsborough County Storytelling Festival and Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library will provide all the resources you need to participate.

Is there a fee? The storytelling activities are free. Thank you to the Friends of Storytelling of Tampa-Hillsborough County.

Will there be in-person events for the 2021 Storytelling Festival? All events will be live, virtual events for the 2021 Storytelling Festival.

How do I register for virtual storytelling events? Register at: [HCPLC.org/StorytellingFestival](https://hcplc.org/StorytellingFestival)

Does a storyteller have to attend all the sessions and watch all the videos to participate? The performance must meet specific [Storytelling Criteria](#) in order to qualify as festival quality. Attending sessions, watching videos, and most importantly, practicing (practice, practice, practice!) the skills demonstrated will help the storyteller to consistently perform well enough to meet the criteria. These sessions are also where the storyteller gets the best benefits of storytelling: the literacy skills and the opportunity to build confidence.

Does attending events, watching the videos, or submitting a video guarantee festival quality? Festival quality is a designation that means that the storyteller submitted a video demonstrating the criteria of festival quality storytelling.

Will every storytelling video submitted be automatically accepted for the festival? Storytellers who perform at a festival quality in their videos will be selected to be a part of the Storytelling Festival.

How do I make a video of my storytelling? View [How to Record and Submit Your Story](#).

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