

*Miriam Lutchter*  
**Stark Contest**<sup>®</sup>  
*in*  
*Reading and Declamation*  
ESTABLISHED 1904

**Entry Form for Student Participation**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE** \_\_\_\_\_

Please print legibly in blue ink.

**A. Student Information:**

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Homeroom name and contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Student/Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ (Check One)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level During School Year 2023-2024: \_\_\_\_\_ Projected Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents/Legal Guardians\*\*:**

\*\* mark here if parents' address is the same \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. For Completion by Student/Contestant:** Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Prior Participation Information**

Have you previously participated in the Stark Reading Contest? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*If "no", please move to B.2 Selection Information. If "yes", please complete the following information. (Attach additional sheet as necessary):*

	<u>Prior Year</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Selection</u>	<u>Placement</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Participants who competed in any level of a prior Stark Reading Contest in prior years may not repeat the same selection in a future year's Stark Reading Contest.**

**2. Selection Information**

Mark the category of the Contest in which you will participate (select one):

\_\_\_\_\_ INTERPRETIVE READING OR \_\_\_\_\_ DECLAMATION (speeches)

**At least one selection MUST be on the Approved Selection List.**

**(First choice)\*:**

Title of selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Author of selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Source of selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Is selection on the Approved Selection List? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\*\*

Selection meets the minimum Lexile measure of 855L \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No **Lexile Score: \_\_\_\_\_**

*(must include score)*

**(Second choice)\*:**

Title of selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Author of selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Source of selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Is selection on the Approved Selection List? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No\*\*

Selection meets the minimum Lexile measure of 855L \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No **Lexile Score: \_\_\_\_\_**

*(must include score)*

**\* Please attach complete copy of the selection chosen by Contestant. If selection is not on the Approved Selection List, please provide Lexile measurement and documentation evidencing proof of the source of the selection.**

*\*\*If either first or second selection is not on the Approved Selection List, Contestant must complete **Part C** of this form entitled "Form Requesting Approval of Alternative Selection" in accordance with the procedure in the Rules*

Local/School Director Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
SRC Coordinator Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

and Guidelines for School Year 2023-24; Contestant's eligibility status will be subject to prior approval of the material selected. **Note: This does not apply if student's selections are chosen from the Approved Selection List. If selections are on the Approved Selection List, Contestant should skip Part C and go to Part D.**

**Only complete Part C if one of your selections from Part B(2) are not on the Approved Selection List.**

### C. Form Requesting Approval of Alternative Selection

Full Name of Student/Contestant:

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed all other parts of the Entry Form for Student Participation?  Yes  No

If "no", the other parts of the Entry Form must first be completed to determine whether this Part C applies.

Circle category of the Contest in which you would like to participate (select one):

**INTERPRETIVE READING**

**OR**

**DECLAMATION**

Title of requested alternative selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Author of requested alternative selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Source of requested alternative selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Does selection meet the minimum Lexile measure of 855L ?  Yes  No **Lexile Score:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(must include score)

If "no", what is the level of reading difficulty assigned by a comparable source? Also, please identify the comparable source.

\_\_\_\_\_

Is selection part of published, printed material?  Yes  No

***If "no", the selection approval will be at the discretion of the coordinator.***

- On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a **written explanation** as to (i) why and/or how the alternative selection that is requested for approval should be considered as being a selection of literary merit and also (ii) why it should be considered and approved as an exception to the pre-approved list of materials.
- Please **attach complete copy of the selection submitted for approval**. Please include documentation evidencing proof of the source of the selection.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Stark Reading Contest Local Level Director)\*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*Final approval of Stark Foundation Stark Reading Contest Coordinator is required before alternative selection may be used***



## D. Parent Information and Authorization:

### **For Completion by Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Student/Contestant**

*I/We, the undersigned, request that the above-named Contestant (“Student”) be permitted to participate as a contestant in the Miriam Lutcher Stark Contest in Reading and Declamation (“Contest”) sponsored by the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation (“Foundation”) for the 2023-2024 school year.*

*In order to remain eligible to participate in the Contest, I/We agree that Student must abide by the rules and guidelines of the Contest, maintain a passing grade of 70 or above in all classes in which Student is enrolled at his/her participating school, and behave in an exemplary manner and be in good standing with respect to Student’s conduct. We acknowledge that Student may be dismissed as a contestant from the Contest in the event of any failure to comply with any of the foregoing requirements, as determined in the sole discretion of contest directors.*

*In addition, I/We grant the Foundation the perpetual worldwide and royalty-free rights to use any photographic (including digital) images, video or audio related to Student’s participation in the Contest that may be made by or on behalf of the Foundation for promotional, documentary and/or educational purposes (including publications and exhibits), without compensation to me/us, Student or Student’s heirs, representatives or assigns.*

*I/We agree that any photos, videos, pictorial images, voice recordings or quotations, including those of Student taken or created by the Foundation (including without limitation taken by any photographer or videographer paid by or volunteering for the Foundation) during or relating to the Contest are the sole property of the Foundation and may be used in future publications, web pages, promotions, advertisements and exhibits of the Foundation (or any other person authorized by the Foundation to use such images) without the need of any additional permission form or consideration to the Student or me/us.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## E. Participating School Certification:

### **For Completion by Authorized Administrative Official of Participating School**

*I certify that the Student/Contestant named above is academically eligible to participate in the Stark Reading Contest, having maintained a passing grade of 70 or above in all classes in which he/she is enrolled at the participating school. The Student/Contestant named above is also in good standing with respect to conduct.*

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***NOTE: Entry is not finalized and participation is not confirmed until all information is completed and signatures provided.***

For questions or additional information, please contact your school’s Stark Reading Contest Director, or Tabitha Henderson, Stark Reading Contest Coordinator at [thenderson@starkmuseum.org](mailto:thenderson@starkmuseum.org).

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