Writing contest offers prizes

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians is holding a writing contest with cash prizes for both middle school and high school students.

Public school, private school and home-schooled students in grades six, seven and eight are invited to write an essay between 500 and 1000 words on "Irish in the American Revolution."

Students in grades nine though 12 are invited to submit an essay on "Irish Contributions to Pop Culture"; the essays should be no less than 750 words and no more than 1500 words. The deadline for both is March 5, 2008. Prizes range from \$1,000 to \$25 honorable mentions. For specific writing guidelines, address for submissions and more information, call Diane Drumheller at 410-876-1257.