

Meet the Winners

The Contest

The Tell Their Story contest challenged children of all ages to write about their favorite American Girl role model from the [Beforever™ collection](#). They could pick any historical doll and create an illustrated story. Tell Their Story received 14,357 entries. The three chosen winners each received a two-day, two-night stay in New York and now have their creations on display at the New York American Girl Place.

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Christie Miller, 5 years old



Christie lives with her two brothers and parents in Hearst, Texas. She attends Sunshine Valley Elementary School. Her story features Julie who gives her uncle, a NASA employee, the idea to build a colony on Mars.

“When I get big, I want to go to outer space and build a place for people to go and visit. And if the Earth ever gets too hard to live on, we can go to my space place and live there.”

Katie Jones, 9 years old



Katie lives with her brother, parents, and pet rabbit in Berwick, Maine. She attends Northeast Elementary School and dreams of becoming a news reporter or teacher. Her story told about the future of Kirsten and her life as a teacher on the prairie.

“I love school, and I love the way my teachers are always telling us kids to use our creative talents to make a difference. I wanted to write about a teacher in history who used her creativity to help her students learn in a one-room schoolhouse.”

Stephanie Smith, 12 years old



Stephanie lives with her two brothers and parents in Littleton, Colorado. She attends sixth grade at Littleton Middle School. Her story features Gabriela and her cousins who survive Hurricane Harvey with the help of first responders.

“Ever since I heard about the flooding from Hurricane Harvey, I wanted to do something to help others remember to support people who lost homes and other stuff in the flood, and to honor the heroes who are rescuing them and rebuilding the city.”