



**What is your cause? How is BYU Law School helping you get proximate to that cause? To individuals? To a community? We want to hear how BYU Law is impacting the way you've been able to get proximate.**

### **Competition Information & Deadlines**

- Round one submissions due **Oct 22** at midnight.
- Six finalists' stories from round one announced **Oct 25**
- Six finalists will refine and workshop their stories **Oct 26 - 30**
- Six finalists submit for round two **Nov 1**
- Voting on the top six stories through social media **Nov 6 - 8**
- Judges' Choice and Audience Choice will be announced **Nov 12**
- Select writers read their pieces at a BYU Law & Social Change and LawStories event **Nov 14**

### **Prizes**

- Judges' Choice will receive \$500
- Audience Choice will receive \$500

### **Judging Criteria**

1. THROUGHLINE
  - a. Include a central theme that permeates the entire story from beginning to end.
  - b. Make sure each sentence logically links and makes sense with the last sentence. When in doubt, ask a friend.
  - c. Mechanically sound: outside editing is encouraged.
2. SHOW DON'T TELL
  - a. Help us see what you have experienced through illustrative words and vivid visuals.
3. SWIM TRUNK PRINCIPLE
  - a. Keep it short, cover what you need to. While beautiful words are essential to storytelling, multiplying words unnecessarily will take away from the power of your story.
  - b. 300 - 500 word limit.
4. ENTHUSIASM
  - a. A good story evokes emotion. Let us see your passion for BYU Law.
5. IMPACT
  - a. What impact has BYU Law had on your life? What impact have you had on others as a result of your participation with BYU Law?

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