



PBS KIDS Writers Contest Entry Form



Type or print legibly
Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

Circle Grade: Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade Sex: F M

Title of Story _____

Number of Words _____ Word count range: Grades K-1 minimum-50, maximum-200

(The word count includes "a," "an," & "the.") Grades 2-3 minimum-100, maximum-350

Number of Illustrations _____ (minimum of 5)

Only one entry per child • Only single author stories (no co-authors) • Story must be original work of the child • Original art can include drawings, collages, 3-D and photos taken by the author • Story may be fact or fiction, prose or poetry • Use only one side of the paper • Number each page on the back • Text must be printed/written legibly or typed • Children who can't write may dictate their story to be printed or typed • Invented spelling is accepted • Story text may be on pages with illustrations or on separate pages • Word count includes "a" "an" "the" but not words on nonstory pages (e.g. title page) or those that enhance illustrations

I acknowledge that I have read the Contest rules & regulations prior to signing this and that I understand the rules.

Required:

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Email address: _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

If different than the above address:

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____

Optional for Promotional Offers to Parent/Guardian named above from PBS KIDS partners

Yes / No (circle one) PBS KIDS partners may contact me via email up to two times for promotional offers related to the PBS KIDS Writers Contest

Optional for School-Related Entry:

Teacher Signature _____ Email address: _____

Printed Name _____

School Name _____

School Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ School Phone (_____) _____

Mail your entry form and story to:

**PBS SoCal
Attn: PBS KIDS Writers Contest
3080 Bristol Street, Suite 100
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
The deadline for entry is July 31, 2020**



PBS SoCal KIDS Writers Contest Rules 2020



MANY WILL ENTER, FEW WILL WIN. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. The PBS SoCal PBS KIDS Writers Contest (the "Contest" or "Promotion") is produced by Public Media Group of Southern California d/b/a/ PBS SoCal ("PBS SoCal" or "Sponsor") The Contest begins on or about January 13, 2020 and ends with the announcement of winners on or about August 28, 2020. This Contest consists of one round of local judging. To enter the Contest you may submit your Entry to PBS SoCal, 3080 Bristol St. Suite 100, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. All entries to the Independent Pool must be postmarked by July 31, 2020 to be eligible. Contact PBS SoCal for other exact local judging deadlines. These Contest rules are subject to modification by PBS SoCal at its discretion. This Contest is void where prohibited. Sponsored and coordinated by PBS SoCal located at 3080 Bristol St. Suite 100, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

Eligibility & Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be children in kindergarten, first, second or third grade.
- Children of employees of PBS SoCal, sales representatives, subsidiaries or parent companies, advertising/sales promotion agencies, and judges are not eligible.
- Only one entry per person will be accepted in this Contest; all subsequent entries will be disqualified.
- Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Stories can be fact or fiction, and prose or poetry.
- Any failure to adhere to these Contest Rules may result in disqualification from the Contest.
- No purchase is necessary. Many will enter, few will win.
- **To be eligible, an entrant must be a legal resident of California.** Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify ineligible entries; such entries will not be returned.

Word Count Requirement

- Kindergarten and first grade stories must have a minimum of **50** words and a maximum of **200** words.
- Second and third grade stories must have a minimum of **100** words and a maximum of **350** words.
- The word count includes "a," "an," and "the," but not the words on non-story pages such as the title page or those that enhance the illustrations.
- Text must be printed or written legibly or typed.
- Children who cannot write may dictate their story to be printed, written legibly or typed.
- Text may be integrated into the illustration pages or on separate pages.
- Non-English text must be translated on the same page and the translated text (English text) must adhere to word count.
- Invented spelling is accepted.

Format & Illustrations

- Stories must have at least **5** original, clear and colorful illustrations.
- Original art can include drawings, collages, and 3-D created by the author or photographs taken by the author.
- Stories submitted by mail must be created on one side of the paper and numbered on the back of each page.

Official Entry Form

- Each entry must include the official PBS SoCal PBS KIDS Writers Contest Entry Form, with the required signature of a parent/guardian (and, if appropriate, the optional signature of the sponsoring teacher), consenting to allowing their child/ward to enter the Contest, confirming that the story and art are original, and granting certain rights to the entry materials.
- The entry form must be complete and legible to be eligible.

Judging, Awards & Notification

All entries submitted to the Contest will be judged using the judging criteria and percentages below by a panel of no fewer than 3 judges selected and coordinated by PBS SoCal. Judging will occur on or about August 7th. The judging criteria and percentages shall be scored and graded using a rubric based on the following criteria as follows:

- 40% Creativity and originality of plot and/or themes,
- 40% Story structure and use of literary devices,
- 20% Relevance, quality and originality of illustration

All decisions of the judges are final and binding and not subject to appeal or review. Winners will be as follows: (1) the entry with the highest score from among all eligible entries received per grade will be deemed the First Place winners; (2) the entry with the second to the highest score from among all eligible entries received per grade will be deemed the Second Place winners (3) the entry with the third to the highest score from among all eligible entries received per grade will be deemed the Third Place winners. In the event of a tie, the entry with the highest score in the creativity and originality category from among all tying entries will be deemed the winner from among all tying entries. Winners will be notified on or before August 14, 2020.

Prizes:

Four (4) First Place Prizes valued at \$349.00 each: PBS KIDS Playtime Pad, \$150 Gift Certificate from SVOLTA, \$50 Target gift card, Books, and PBS KIDS goodies.

Four (4) Second Place Prizes valued at \$154.99 each: PBS KIDS Plug and Play, \$25 Target gift card, Books, and PBS KIDS goodies.

Four (4) Third Place Prizes valued at \$95.00 each: \$25 Target gift card, Books, and PBS KIDS goodies.

Four (4) Special Category Prizes valued at \$120.00 each: \$50 Target gift card, Books, and PBS KIDS goodies.

PBS SoCal reserves the right to substitute any prize for a prize of equal or greater value, at the sole discretion of PBS SoCal. Sponsor will notify potential winners on or about August 14, 2020. Prize recipients must allow a minimum of 4 to 6 weeks from notification to delivery. Prizes are not redeemable for cash, non-transferable, and non-substitutable, except at the sole discretion of Sponsor.

Return of Entries

The Contest administrators will make every effort, but are not required, to return mailed entries only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope of an *appropriate* size. PBS SoCal is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, misdirected, damaged, mutilated, incomplete, returned, or illegible entries, or postage-due mail.

Limitation of Liability

This Contest is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by Facebook, Twitter, or any other social media used by Sponsor to promote this Contest (collectively, the "Social Media"). Entrant releases and holds harmless the Social Media from any and all claims or liability in connection with Sponsor's promotion and administration of this Contest.

Privacy: Unless otherwise specified, any and all information connected in connection with this Contest will be used by Sponsor solely for the purpose of administering the Contest. Please note: If you circled "Yes" on the Entry Form to opt-in to receive the Optional promotional offers, Sponsor may share your contact information contained in the Entry Form with Contest promotional partners, or their agents, to fulfill the offers. To understand how PBS SoCal uses, stores, manages, and discards private information, visit the PBS SoCal privacy policy at <https://www.pbssocal.org/about/privacy-policy/>.

Rights Associated with Contest

Submission of the Entry Form constitutes permission from the participant's parent/legal guardian for PBS SoCal use the participants' name, likeness, biographical information, information and materials contained in the Entry Form, photographs, and any statements or remarks made by the participants about or in connection with the Contest in advertising and promotion without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. All entries, and any copyrights therein, become the sole property of PBS SoCal. By entering, entrants' parent/legal guardian agree to abide by the above stated rules, and warrant that their child's/ward's entry is their original work and does not infringe upon or violate rights of any third party, and grant to PBS SoCal the right to edit, publish, promote, and otherwise use their entry materials without permission, notice or compensation. No royalties will be paid at this or any time. By submitting an entry and Entry Form, each participant's parent/legal guardian, on behalf of the participant, agrees to assign all right, title, and interest in and to the entry and Entry Form to PBS SoCal and warrants that the participant's parent/legal guardian has the authority to assign such right, title, and interest. In the event that any applicable law requires certain formalities to be fulfilled to make such grant of rights, each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to cooperate with PBS SoCal and/ to achieve fulfillment of such formalities. By submitting an Entry Form, each participant's parent/legal guardian, on behalf of participant, agrees to be bound by these Contest Rules. Each participant's parent/legal guardian, on behalf of the participant, agrees to release and hold PBS SoCal, and its employees, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, representatives, subsidiaries, parent companies, or other affiliated companies harmless from any and all damages, losses, claims and liabilities arising out of participation in the Contest or resulting from acceptance or claiming of any prize hereunder. PBS SoCal reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate, suspend or otherwise cancel the Contest at any time. Income and all other taxes are the responsibility of the prize recipient. PBS SoCal is not responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with participation in the Contest.