

14th Annual Young Writers & Illustrators Contest



Eligibility

The Young Writers & Illustrators Contest is open to children in Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third Grades. Each grade level will be judged separately. (Children of employees of Reading Rainbow, GPN, NET Nebraska, WNED-TV, On Screen Entertainment, the Public Broadcasting System, and Public Broadcasting Stations are not eligible.)

Entry Guidelines

Entrants must be in Kindergarten, First, Second, or Third grade. Only one entry per person will be accepted. Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories). Stories can be fact or fiction, prose or poetry.

Word Count

- Kindergarten & First grade stories must have minimum of 50 or maximum of 200 words
- Second & Third grade stories must have minimum of 100 or maximum of 350 words
- The word count includes "a," "an," & "the," but not the words on non-story pages such as the title page.

Story Text

- Text must be printed legibly (or typed)
- Children who cannot write may dictate their story to an adult.
- Text may be integrated into the illustration pages or on individual pages
- Non English text must be translated on the same page and the translation text must adhere to word count
- Invented spelling is accepted

Format & Illustrations

- Stories must have at least 5 original, clear & colorful illustrations
- Stories must be created on one side of paper and numbered on back of each page

Official Entry Form

- Entry form must be complete, legible, and must include parent (& teacher, if appropriate) signature

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Each entry must include the official "Young Writers & Illustrators" entry form, with the required signature of a parent/guardian (and, if appropriate, the signature of the sponsoring teacher), confirming that the story and art are original, and granting permission to use the entry for promotional purposes.

Rights Associated with Contest

Winners grant the right to use their names and likenesses in advertising and promotion without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. By entering, entrants agree to abide by the above stated rules, and warrant that their entry is their original work and does not infringe upon or violate rights of any third party.

No royalties will be paid at this or any time.