



## KIDS Writers Contest Rules

**MANY WILL ENTER, FEW WILL WIN. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.** The KIDS Writers Contest is produced by WKU-PBS and based on the PBS KIDSGo! Young Writers and Illustrators Contest, a concept developed by PBS and WNET. The Contest begins on or about February 26, 2016 and ends with the announcement of local winners on Saturday, April 23, 2016. This Contest consists of one round of judging. To enter the Contest for local judging, you may submit your Entry to WKU-PBS, Barnes & Noble Bowling Green, or the Main Branch or Bob Kirby Branch of the Warren County Public Library. These Contest rules are subject to modification by WKU-PBS at their discretion. This Contest is void where prohibited. Sponsored by WKU-PBS, Barnes & Noble, and the Warren County Public Library, and coordinated by WKU-PBS- located at 1906 College Heights Blvd., #11035, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1035.

### Eligibility & Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be children in kindergarten, first, second or third grade.
- Children of employees of stations or their affiliates, sales representatives, subsidiaries or parent companies, advertising/sales promotion agencies, and judges are not eligible.
- To be eligible, an entrant must be a legal resident of the fifty (50) United States and D.C. (excluding Puerto Rico, USVI and American Samoa). Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify ineligible entries; such entries will not be returned.
- 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.

### 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 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 in the local judging Contest will be judged using the judging criteria and percentages below by a panel of judges from the community. The entry with the highest percentage in each grade will be deemed the grand prize winner for that grade. The judging criteria and percentages used by the judges will be 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.

### Prizes

The top four winners in each grade category will be recognized. There will be an Honorable Mention for Illustration and an Honorable Mention for Story in each grade category as well.

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