



The StoryMakers writing contest ("the contest") is sponsored by Rocky Mountain PBS with major funding provided by CenturyLink.

RULES

1. How to Enter

- Each participant and parent/guardian must completely fill out and submit the online entry form.
- Limit one entry per participant - final draft only.
- Each participant must submit an original, single-authored story (no co-authored stories).
- Story must be between 700 and 1,000 words. The word count will be a field included on the entry form.
- Story must be fiction.
- Text must be typed in 12-point Times New Roman, Arial, or Calibri font and double-spaced.
- Story's title must be listed at the top of the first page.
- **The author's name should NOT appear anywhere on the uploaded story.** Each entry is issued a unique code in place of a name to ensure fair and unbiased judging. (Name should appear on entry form only.)
- Stories that are explicitly violent will be excluded from the final round of judging.
- All entries must be received **by Friday, October 10, 2014.**

Any failure to adhere to these parameters will result in disqualification. For questions, email Susan Barber susanbarber@rmpbs.org

2. Eligibility

The contest is open to students in 6th, 7th or 8th grade in Colorado only. Entry materials become the property of Rocky Mountain PBS and will not be returned. Rocky Mountain PBS is not responsible for late or misdirected entries or unsuccessful attempts to notify the prize recipients. All materials and information submitted as part of the entry must be the participant's own original work. The entry may not contain any unauthorized use of names, likenesses or biographical information of any third parties.

3. Judging

Entries will be judged on originality, creative expression and storytelling. Competitions will be judged by a panel of judges, selected by Rocky Mountain PBS and CenturyLink. All decisions of the judges are final and not subject to appeal or review.

4. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in each grade level.

5. Conditions

All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Rocky Mountain PBS is not responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with participation in the contest. By submitting an entry, each participant (and parent/guardian) agrees to be bound by the contest rules. Each participant (and parent/guardian) agrees to hold Rocky Mountain PBS, their employees, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, representatives and their subsidiaries, parent companies or other affiliated companies harmless from any and all damages, losses, claims and/or liabilities arising out of his or her participation in the contest or resulting from acceptance or claiming of any prize hereunder. Rocky Mountain PBS reserves the right to terminate, suspend or otherwise cancel the contest at any time.

6. Use of Information

By submitting an entry, each participant (and parent/guardian) assigns all rights, title and interest in the entry and entry form to Rocky Mountain PBS and warrants that he or she (and parent/guardian) have the authority to assign such rights, title and interest. In the event that any applicable law requires certain formalities to be fulfilled to effectuate such grant of rights, each participant (and parent/guardian) agrees to cooperate with the sponsors to achieve fulfillment of such formalities at sponsors' request. Submission of an entry form constitutes permission (except where prohibited by law) for Rocky Mountain PBS to use the participants' name, likeness, biographical information and materials contained in the entry form, photographs and any statements or remarks made about the contest, for advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation.

7. Winners and Finalists

The winners and finalists will be contacted by November 10, 2014 and then announced online at rmpbs.org/storymakers shortly thereafter. Winners and finalists will be invited to a free workshop on December 6, 2014 at our Denver studios. Winners and finalists will be invited to a luncheon with author Dom Testa at Rocky Mountain PBS studios on January 10, 2015.