

2021 NHPBS KIDS WRITERS CONTEST

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Type or print legibly

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Mailing Address _____

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

Circle Grade: **Kindergarten** **Grade 1** **Grade 2** **Grade 3** **Grade 4** **Grade 5**

Title of Story _____

Number of Words _____ Word count range: Grades K-1 minimum-50, maximum-200 Grades 2-3 minimum-100, maximum-350
(The word count includes "a," "an," & "the.") Grades 4-5 minimum-150, maximum-500 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 • Non-English text must be translated into English text on the same page and the translated English text must adhere to the word count • Word count includes "a" "an" "the" but not words on nonstory pages (e.g., title page) or those that enhance illustrations.

PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE A LEGIBLE AND WORKING EMAIL ADDRESS! We use email to communicate with entrants, including providing feedback, notifying winners and letting families know when stories have been received! We only need school information if the entry was part of a classroom writing project! Stories will be returned to home addresses if they are individual entries and to schools if they are school entries!

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 School-Related Entry:

Teacher Signature _____ Email address: _____

Printed Name _____

School Name _____

School Mailing Address _____

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

Deadline for receipt of entries: May 31, 2021

Mail Entries to:

NHPBS KIDS WRITERS CONTEST

268 Mast Road

Durham, NH 03824

NHPTV PBS KIDS Writers Contest sponsors:



NHPBS KIDS Writers Contest Rules

MANY WILL ENTER, ALL WILL WIN. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. The NHPBS KIDS Writers Contest is produced by New Hampshire PBS and is based on the Reading Rainbow® Young Writers and Illustrators Contest, a concept developed by WNED.

This Contest consists of two (2) rounds of judging: (1) the in-house judging, and (2) the New Hampshire judging panel. 10-20 stories at each grade level will be selected by NHPTV staff as outstanding stories for that grade level. Those stories will be judged by a panel of judges made up of, but not limited to, New Hampshire teachers, librarians, business leaders, artists, and writers. A first, second and third place winner will be selected for each grade level. The remaining stories in each judging group will be awarded an honorable mention. All other stories will be awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award.

Eligibility & Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be children in kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, or fifth grade.
- Children of employees of NHPBS 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, prose, or poetry.
- Any failure to adhere to these Contest Rules may result in disqualification from the Contest.
- No purchase is necessary.

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.
- **Fourth** and **fifth** grade stories must have a minimum of 200 words and a maximum of 500 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 **five** original, clear and colorful illustrations.
- Original art can include drawings, collages, and 3-D art 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 NHPBS 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 completed and legible to be eligible.

Judging, Awards & Notification

Stories will be judged based on:

- Creativity and originality of plot and/or themes
- Story structure and use of literary devices
- Relevance, quality and originality of illustrations

All decisions of the judges are final and binding and not subject to appeal or review.

Return of Entries

NHPBS will make every effort to return all stories. NHPBS is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, misdirected, damaged, mutilated, incomplete, returned, or illegible entries, or postage-due mail.

Rights Associated with Contest

Submission of the Entry Form constitutes permission from the participant's parent/legal guardian for New Hampshire PBS to use the participants' name, likeness, biographical information, information and materials contained in the Entry Form, photographs, and any statements or remarks made about 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 NHPBS. 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 NHPBS 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 NHPBS 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 effectuate such grant of rights, each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to cooperate with NHPBS 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 NHPBS, 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. NHPBS 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. NHPBS is not responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with participation in the Contest.

Privacy: Unless otherwise specified, any and all information connected in connection with this Contest will be used solely for the purpose of administering and promoting the Contest and other opportunities for young children available from NHPBS.