



Idaho Public Television PBS KIDS Writers Contest Rules

MANY WILL ENTER, FEW WILL WIN. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. The Idaho Public Television PBS KIDS Writers Contest (the “Contest” or “Promotion”) is produced by Idaho Public Television and based on the Reading Rainbow® Young Writers and Illustrators Contest, a concept developed by WNED. The Contest begins in January each year and ends with the announcement of winners on or about May 1. To enter the Contest you may submit your entry to Idaho Public Television, 1455 N Orchard St, Boise, ID 83706. **All entries must be mailed or received by the third Saturday of March** to be eligible. These Contest rules are subject to modification by Idaho Public Television at its discretion. This Contest is void where prohibited, and is sponsored and coordinated by Idaho Public Television.

Please complete and sign the Idaho Public Television PBS KIDS Writers Contest Entry Form, found at <https://www.idahoptv.org/kids/writers/> and attach it to your child’s entry.

Eligibility & Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be children in kindergarten, first, second or third grade.
- Children of employees of Idaho Public Television and judges are not eligible.
- To be eligible, an entrant must live within the over-the-air service area of Idaho Public Television. This includes the entire state of Idaho, plus residents of eastern Washington, western Montana, western Wyoming, northern Utah, eastern Oregon and northern Nevada, where our over-the-air signals are able to be received. Idaho Public Television reserves the right to disqualify ineligible entries.
- 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.
- 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, paintings, collages, and 3-D artwork created by the author or photographs taken by the author.
- Stories submitted on 8.5 inch by 11 inch paper are preferred for ease of scanning.
- Stories must be created on one side of the paper and the page number written on the back of each page.
- Please use a single staple or a paper clip to hold the story together, since we may need to scan it.

Official Entry Form

- To enter you must fill out and include a hard copy of the official Idaho Public Television PBS KIDS Writers Contest Entry Form located at <https://www.idahoptv.org/kids/writers/> with the required signature of a parent/guardian, 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 Idaho Public Television. Judging will occur in early April. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- 40% Creativity and originality of plot and/or themes,
- 40% Story structure and writing skills,
- 20% Relevance, quality and originality of illustrations.

All decisions of the judges are final and binding and not subject to appeal or review. Winners will be as follows for each of three regions in the state: (1) the entry with the highest score from among all eligible entries received per grade will be deemed a First Place winner; (2) the entry with the second to the highest score from among all eligible entries received per grade will be deemed a Second Place winner; (3) the entry with the third to the highest score from among all eligible entries received per grade will be deemed a Third Place winner. Winners will be notified on or before May 1.

Prizes

Prizes, including books, toys and a \$100 contribution to an IDeal – Idaho College Savings Program (“Ideal”) account, will be awarded to First, Second, and Third Place winners for each grade level (K-3) in each of Idaho’s 3 regions: northern, southwestern and southeastern. Potential winners will be notified by Idaho Public Television on or about May 1 for winner verification. Prize recipients must allow a minimum of 4 to 12 weeks from notification to delivery. Prizes are non-transferable and non-substitutable, and are not redeemable for cash. Allow 8-12 weeks following the date of the actual notification for confirmation of a Prize. IDeal contributions will be deposited directly into the winner’s IDeal account. In the event the winner does not have an existing IDeal account, the winner will be required to complete documentation necessary to open an IDeal account, including an enrollment form with investment instructions. (An IDeal account is required to be opened in order to deposit the Prize, but the selected winner is not required to deposit any additional monies into the account in order to receive the Prize.) The Contest does not take into account a winner’s personal circumstances or other factors that may be important in making investment decisions. Investment returns are not guaranteed and the winner could lose money by investing in IDeal. Each winner should consult his or her own tax advisor about tax implications, if any, associated with contributions and/or withdrawals from the IDeal account. The Prize may be considered income, and any and all taxes associated with a Prize are the responsibility of the winner. The Contest is not a recommendation to invest in IDeal. For more information about IDeal, please visit www.idahosaves.org.

Return of Entries

The Contest administrators will make every effort, but are not required, to return all mailed entries. Please ensure that mailing addresses are correct and, if handwritten, legible. Idaho Public Television 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 Idaho Public Television to use the participant’s name, likeness, biographical information and materials contained in the Entry Form, photographs, videos, 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 Idaho Public Television. By entering, entrants’ parent/legal guardians 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 Idaho Public Television 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 Idaho Public Television 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 Idaho Public Television 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 Idaho Public Television 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. Idaho Public Television 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. Idaho Public Television is not responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with participation in the Contest.

Privacy: Unless otherwise specified, any and all information connected with this Contest will be used by Sponsor solely for the purpose of administering the Contest and awarding prizes. No information will be sold to any other parties for any reason.

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