

2020 Writing Contest Frequently Asked Questions

How long should my writing be? Can I include drawings?

Your written submission should be no more than 1,000 words (4 pages double spaced). If you'd like, your writing can be primarily art-based and can include drawings, paintings, collages, 3-D artwork and photos, so long as they were created by the original author.

Can I submit a piece of writing with a group?

Teachers are welcome to submit one written entry on behalf of an entire class. This will count as one group entry. Teachers may also submit many entries from individual students, but they will require individual entry forms for each student.

Do I need to bind my story?

No. We will accept your story whether it is loose paper, bound, stapled or paper clipped. You may want to consider ease and cost of mailing when finishing your story. Also keep in mind we scan all winning stories, so having the stories paper clipped or with a single staple works best. We prefer pages that are no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches.

Where do I mail my entry to?

MontanaPBS ATTN: Digital Content & Marketing PO Box 173340 Bozeman, MT 59717

What happens if I win?

We will notify you via phone or email in early April as well as announce the winners at our Indie-Lens Pop-Up event. Because submissions from across the state are accepted, you do not need to be present to win. We will, however, send you a framed certificate along with a gift bag of PBS inspired prizes!

Will my story be returned to me?

Unless explicitly requested, your submission will not be returned. If you want your story returned, we will do our best to return your entry to you or your school. However, we cannot be responsible for lost or damaged entries or postage due on mailings you send us. For classroom entries please reach out to Nikki Vradenburg, Director of Education, at nikki@MontanaPBS.org.

More questions? Call (406) 994-3437 or (406) 994-6588 or email Nikki Vradenburg, Director of Education, at nikki@montanapbs.org or Deanna Mydland, Early Learning Specialist, at deanna@montanapbs.org.