



**ACCEPTING STORIES NOW THROUGH MAY 1!**

**CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

**CONTEST RULES HIGHLIGHTS – See back for complete contest rules:**

- Story and artwork must be original work of the child.
- Original art can include drawings, collages, 3-D, photos, etc. created by the child. Submissions must not infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, or other intellectual property rights of others. Do not use any magazines, books, newspapers, or any other materials subject to another person’s or entity’s intellectual property rights.
- Story must include a cover page with cover art, the title of the story, and the author’s first name (ex: by Tom). Cover art counts as one illustration.
- Story may be fact or fiction, poetry or prose.
- Use only one side of the paper and 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.
- Entries in all languages are accepted.
- Invented spelling is accepted.

**SUBMIT YOUR STORY BY (between March 1, 2023 – May 1, 2023) – Submissions must be postmarked by May 1, 2023.**

**Mail Story & Completed Entry Form to:**

PBS KIDS Utah  
Attn: Annie Frazier  
101 Wasatch Dr., RM 215  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112

**\*STORIES POSTMARKED AFTER MAY 1, 2023 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**\*\*RETURN OF ENTRIES:** PBS KIDS Utah will make reasonable efforts to return mailed entries.

**ENTRY FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT/GUARDIAN - ALL FIELDS REQUIRED:**

**Child’s Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade (circle one):** K 1 2 3 4 5 6

**Title of Story** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Illustrations (circle one):**            5 – 9            10 – 15            20+

**\*MUST HAVE AT LEAST 5 ILLUSTRATIONS**

**Number of Words (circle one):**            Gr. K-1: 50 – 200            Gr. 2-3: 100 – 300            Gr. 4-6: 150 – 400

**\*MUST REMAIN WITHIN WORD RANGE FOR EACH GRADE. STORIES OUTSIDE THE WORD LIMIT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

**Parent/Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*I acknowledge that I have read the Contest rules & regulations (on the back of this form) prior to signing this and that I understand the rules.**

**\*\*I give PBS Utah permission to feature my child’s work online on the PBS Utah website and in the traveling exhibit (details below).**

**Parent’s Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ )** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVELING EXHIBIT:**

Winners of the Contest may be featured in a traveling exhibit hosted by the Utah Division of Arts and Museums.

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL EDUCATION@PBSUTAH.ORG**

## PBS KIDS Utah Writers Contest Rules 2023

The PBS KIDS Utah Writers Contest is produced by PBS Utah (the “Contest” or “Promotion”). The Contest begins on or about March 1, 2023 and ends with the announcement of winners on or about May 31, 2023. This Contest consists of one round of judging. To enter the contest you may submit your entry to PBS KIDS Utah, Attn: Annie Frazier, 101 Wasatch Dr., Rm 215, Salt Lake City, UT 84112 or submit your entry on the PBS KIDS Writers & Illustrators Contest website. All entries must be received by [May 1, 2023](#) to be eligible. These Contest rules are subject to modification by PBS Utah at its discretion. Sponsored and coordinated by PBS Utah (“Sponsor”) located at 101 Wasatch Dr., Salt Lake City, UT.

### Eligibility & Entry Guidelines

- Story must be original. Submissions must not infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, or other intellectual property rights of others.
- Entrants must be children in kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, fifth, or sixth grade in the PBS Utah broadcast area.
- Children of employees of PBS Utah, sales representatives, advertising/sales promotion agencies, and judges are not eligible.
- 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). Exceptions may be made for students who qualify for accommodations on a case-by-case basis.
- 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.

### 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.

### 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 PBS Utah. Judging will occur on or about May 15, 2023. The judging criteria and percentages shall be scored and graded using a rubric based on the following criteria:

- 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. Winners will be as follows: (1) the entry with the highest score from among all eligible entries received per grade will be deemed the First Place winners; (2) the entry with the second to the highest score from among all eligible entries received per grade will be deemed the Second Place winners (3) the entry with the third to the highest score from among all eligible entries received per grade will be deemed the Third Place winners. In the event of a tie, the entry with the highest score in the creativity and originality of plot and/or themes category from among all tying entries will be deemed the winner from among all tying entries. Winners will be notified on or about May 31, 2023.

### Return of Entries

The contest administrators may make reasonable efforts, but are not required, to return mailed entries. PBS Utah 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 PBS Utah 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 PBS Utah. By entering, entrants’ parent/legal guardian agree to abide by the above stated rules, and warrant that their child’s/ward’s entry is the child’s/ward’s original work and does not infringe upon or violate rights of any third party, and grant to PBS Utah the right to edit, publish, promote, and otherwise use the child’s/ward’s 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, assigns all right, title, and interest in and to the entry and Entry Form to PBS Utah 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 PBS Utah 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 PBS Utah 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. PBS Utah 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. PBS Utah is not responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with participation in the Contest.

**Sponsor:** PBS Utah, 101 Wasatch Dr., Salt Lake City, UT.

- Stories must include a cover page with cover art, title of story, and author’s first name (ex: by Tom).

### 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 300 words.
- Fourth, fifth and sixth grade stories must have a minimum of 150 and a maximum of 400 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.
- Invented spelling is accepted. No alterations or edits to text or art by anyone except the author is permitted.

### Official Entry Form

- Each entry must include the official PBS KIDS Utah Writers Contest Entry Form, with the required signature of a parent/guardian, consenting to allow 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.