



## PBS KIDS Writers Contest Rules



**NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.** The KMOS PBS KIDS Writers Contest is a local contest produced by KMOS. (The "Contest" or "Promotion") based on the Reading Rainbow® Young Writers and Illustrators Contest, is a concept developed by WNET. The Contest begins January 15, 2019 and ends March 15, 2019. Winners will be announced on or about April 15, 2019. To enter the local Contest, submit your Entry to KMOS. Entry must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2019 **PLEASE NOTE:** These Contest rules are subject to modification by KMOS, PBS at their discretion. This Contest is void where prohibited. Sponsored by KMOS, University of Central Missouri's Public Broadcasting Station.

### Eligibility & Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be children in kindergarten, first, second or third grade.
- Children of employees of PBS, PBS stations or their affiliates, sales representatives, subsidiaries or parent companies, advertising/sales promotion agencies, and judges are not eligible.
- To be eligible, an entrant must be a legal resident of the fifty (50) United States and D.C. (excluding Puerto Rico, USVI and American Samoa). 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).
- 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.

### 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, 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.**

### Official Entry Form

- Each entry must include the official PBS 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 complete and legible to be eligible.

### Judging, Awards & Notification

All entries submitted in the local judging of the Contest will be judged using the judging criteria and percentages below by a panel of judges from each local PBS station. The entry with the highest percentage in each grade from each local station will be deemed the grand prize winner for that grade at that participating local station. Local Contest Entry's sent to KMOS must be postmarked on or before, **March 9, 2018**. The judging criteria and percentages used by any judging in connection with the local Contest shall be scored and graded using a rubric based on the following criteria as follows:

- 40% Creativity and originality of plot and/or themes,
- 30% Story structure and use of literary devices,
- 30% Relevance, quality and originality of illustration

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

### Return of Entries

KMOS is not required, but will make every effort to return mailed entries. Please do not send postage or envelopes. PBS, and or KMOS, are 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/KMOS 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 KMOS/PBS. 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 PBS/KMOS 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 PBS/KMOS 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/KMOS 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/KMOS 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/KMOS 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. KMOS, PBS are 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 by Sponsor solely for the purpose of administering the Contest. To understand how KMOS/PBS uses, stores, manages, and discards private information, visit the PBS privacy policy at: <http://www.pbs.org/about/policies/privacy-policy/>.