



WPBS PBS KIDS Writers Contest Entry Form

Type or print legibly.

Child's Name _____ Age _____

Child's Mailing Address _____

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

Circle Grade: **Kindergarten** **1st Grade** **2nd Grade** **3rd Grade** Sex: **F** **M**

Title of Story _____

Number of Words _____ Word count range: **Grades K-1 minimum-50, maximum-200**
(The word count includes "a," "an," & "the.") **Grades 2-3 minimum-100, maximum-350**

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

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 Promotional Offers to Parent/Guardian named above from PBS KIDS Partners

Yes / No (circle one) PBS KIDS Partners may contact me via email up to two times for promotional offers related to the PBS KIDS Writers Contest

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 and entry address is:

**WPBS
PBS KIDS Writers Contest
1056 Arsenal Street
Watertown, NY 13601**

DEADLINE: February 14, 2025

Writers Contest - Rubric

CATEGORY	Excellent (5pts)	Good (4pts)	Fair (3pts)	Poor (2pts)	Needs Improvement (1pt)	SCORE
Originality: Unique, child-centered, engaging	Truly unique and captivating, completely child-centered	Mostly unique and fresh, quite engaging	Engaging but with some overly familiar elements	Mostly a retelling of a known story	Direct or very short retelling	
Creative Expression: Imagery, details	Vivid imagery, figurative language, specific details, contribute to vividness	Some imagery, figurative language, most details contribute	Some use of detailed language	Modifiers present	No imagery apparent	
Organization/ Progression: Appropriate, good flow	Has a strong hook, delightful and fresh progression, satisfying conclusion	Has a hook and strong progression, solid ending	Has a perceivable order	Elements strung together with some connection	Random thoughts	
Use of Language & Conventions	Delightful word choice, fitting to aims of story, connectors and structure contribute	Word choice deliberate, conventions mostly accurate	Word choice is adequate, some conventions apparent	Basic sentence structure	Word strings, sentence fragments	
Illustrations: Enhance story, notable style	Style fits the mood of story, work is creative, original and eye-catching	Illustrations largely fit the story, some work better than others	Illustrations loosely fit the piece	Illustrations likely copied/traced	No illustrations	
TOTAL SCORE (25pts Possible)						

