

SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES

YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST

The KET Young Writers Contest: February 1 - April 14, 2017.
Winners will be notified no later than May 30th of the contest year.

Eligibility and Entry Guidelines for Short Stories

- Entrants must be in fourth or fifth grade.
- Children of contest judges and KET employees are not eligible.
- Only one entry per person will be accepted.
- Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Students may conference with parents, teachers, and/or peers on their work.
- Entries can be fact or fiction, prose or poetry.
- Short stories and entry form must be submitted digitally by midnight April 14, 2017. Please visit <http://www.KET.org/writerscontest/> for detailed directions.
- Any failure to adhere to these contest rules may result in disqualification.
- No purchase or donation is necessary.
- KET is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, misdirected, damaged, incomplete or illegible entries, or postage-due mail.

Entry Procedures

- Each entry must include the digitally submitted KET Young Writers Contest Entry Form: Short Story, with the required signature of a parent/guardian or a sponsoring teacher, confirming that the story and artwork are original, and granting certain rights to the entry materials.
- Please visit <http://www.KET.org/writerscontest/> for detailed directions.

Short Story Formatting

- Text should be written legibly or typed. Children who cannot write may dictate their story to be written legibly or typed.
- All work (illustrations and text) should be on the front of the paper only.
- All pages should be numbered on the back of the page.
- Non-English text should be translated on the same page. The translated text should adhere to the word count.
- Invented spelling is accepted, but the intended words of the writer should be clear.
- Each entry should include at least five original illustrations.
- Lined paper is permitted, but illustrations should be on an unlined area of the page or on a separate unlined page.
- Digital artwork should be student generated. Clip art and stock images or images from the Internet are not allowed.
- All characters should be original. Copyrighted names and images are not allowed.
- Non-fiction work based on research should include a list of the sources used.

Word Count

- Fourth and fifth grade stories should have a minimum of 400 words and a maximum of 800 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.

Return of Entries

Short stories must be submitted digitally and will not be returned.

Rights Associated with the Contest

Submission of the Entry Form constitutes permission for KET and PBS to use the participant's 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 KET. By entering, entrants agree to abide by the above stated rules, and warrant that their entry is their original work and does not infringe upon or violate rights of any third party, and grant to KET 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 (and parent or guardian) assigns all right, title, and interest in and to the entry and Entry Form to KET and warrants that the participant (and parent or guardian) have 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 to rights, each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to cooperate with KET to achieve fulfillment of such formalities. By submitting an Entry Form, each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to be bound by these Contest Rules. Each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to release and hold KET 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 here under. KET 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. KET is not responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with participation in the Contest.

