

# Contest Rules and Policies

The KET Young Writers Contest begins February 15 and ends April 15. Winners will be notified by letter no later than May 30 of the contest year.



## Eligibility and Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be in kindergarten, first, second, third, 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).
- Entries can be fact or fiction, prose or poetry.
- 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.

## Official Entry Form

- Each entry must include the KET Young Writers Contest Entry Form, with the required signature of a parent/guardian (and, if a school entry, the signature of the sponsoring teacher), confirming that the story and art are original, and granting certain rights to the entry materials.
- The entry form must be complete and legible.

## Format and 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. The translated text must adhere to the word count.
- Invented spelling is accepted, but the intended words of the writer must be clear.
- Text and illustrations must be on one side of the paper only, and all pages must be numbered on the front or back of the page.

## Word Count

- 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 and fifth grade stories must have a minimum of 150 words 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.

## Return of Entries

KET will make every effort, but is not required, to return entries only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope of an appropriate size with correct postage.

## Rights Associated with the Contest

Submission of the Entry Form constitutes permission for KET 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 hereunder. 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.