



# PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest Entry Form

The PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest is produced by WNED-TV, Buffalo/Toronto and PBS.



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, photos, collages, 3-D • 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 on the same page and the translated 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 for school-related entry:**

Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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



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**Deadline for receipt of entries and entry address is:**

**Entries must be postmarked by *March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010***

**Send entries to:**

**NPT Education  
c/o PBS Kids Go! Writers Contest  
161 Rains Ave.  
Nashville, TN 37209**

Entries must be postmarked by  
Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010



## Eligibility

The *Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest* is open to children in Kindergarten, First, Second and Third Grades. Each grade level will be judged separately.

Children of employees of *Reading Rainbow*, GPN, WNED-TV, Buffalo, Smarterville Productions, the Public Broadcasting System and Nashville Public Television are not eligible.

## Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be in Kindergarten, First, Second or Third grade.
- Only one entry per person will be accepted.
- Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).
- Stories can be fact or fiction, prose or poetry.

### Word Count

- Kindergarten & First grade stories must contain 50-200 words.
- Second & Third grade stories must contain 100-350 words.
- The word count includes "a," "an," & "the," but not the words on non-story pages such as the title page.

### Format and Illustrations

- Stories must be created **on one side of paper** and **numbered on back** of each page in lower right corner.
- Stories must have at least 5 original, clear & colorful illustrations.
- Illustrations may be on separate pages from story text
- **Original art can include drawings, photos, collages, 3-D**

### Story Text

- Text must be printed legibly (or typed).
- Children who cannot write may dictate their story to an adult.
- Text may be integrated into the illustration pages or on individual pages.
- Non English text must be translated on the same page and the translation text must adhere to word count.
- Invented spelling is acceptable.

### Identification Page and Official Entry Form

- Attach a page with the entrant's name, address, phone number and story title to the story, ahead of the story cover
- Entry form must be complete, legible, and must include parent (& teacher, if appropriate) signature.

## Entry Form

Each entry must include the official *PBS Kids Go! Writing Contest form*, with the required signature of a parent/guardian (and, if appropriate, the signature of the sponsoring teacher), confirming that the story & art are original, and granting permission to use the entry for promotional purposes.

## National Judging, Awards & Notification

Entries will be judged on originality, creative expression, storytelling and integration of copy and illustrations. **Preliminary judging will take place through Nashville Public Television which will send its first place winners to the National Contest.** The **National** judges will include, but not be limited to, children's book authors, illustrators, publishers and educators — as well as representatives of organizations such as the American Library Association, National Council of Teachers of English, etc. Decisions of the judges are final.

The **local prizes** for each grade level will include gift certificates, books, DVDs, and other fun prizes. The first and second place winners will read their stories in NPT studios for later broadcast on air/website. Best Illustrations and Honorable Mentions will also be awarded prizes at each grade level. All winners will be invited to attend a special *Reading Rainbow* celebration at Nashville Children's Theatre. **The deadline for local entry postmark is March 5, 2010. Local winners will be notified in late March/early April 2010.**

**Each National** winner's story will be posted on the [pbskids.org/read](http://pbskids.org/read) site. **National** first place winners will receive laptops, second place will receive a digital camera, and third place will receive an iPod (*PBS Kids Go!* reserves the right to substitute prizes of comparable value.)

## Rights Associated with Contest

Winners grant to *PBS Kids Go!* and Nashville Public Television the right to use their names and likenesses in advertising and promotion without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. All national entries, and any copyrights therein, become the sole property of Nashville Public Television, *Reading Rainbow* and GPN/WNED. 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 *PBS Kids Go!* (GPN/WNED) and Nashville Public Television the right to edit, publish, promote, and otherwise use their entry materials without permission, notice or compensation.

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