



Jax PBS KIDS Writers Contest Entry Form

Please print legibly.

Child's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **Phone:** (____) _____

Grade: Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade **Age:** _____ **Gender:** F / M

Title of Story: _____

Number of Words: _____

Word count range: Grades K-1 min. 50 - max. 200
Grades 2-3 min. 100 - max. 350

Number of Illustrations: _____ (minimum of 5)

How did you hear about the Jax PBS KIDS Writers Contest? (Please check one)

- WJCT email → Jax PBS Kids Connect → Teacher/school → Jax PBS-TV
→ Friend or family newsletter → Other: _____

Submission Check List: (Any submission that does not follow these guidelines, will be disqualified.) → **Story MUST include a title page with ONLY author's first name AND first initial of last name.** → **Use only one side of the paper.** → **Number each page.** → **Do not staple or bind.** → **Word count range for Grades K-1 is a minimum of 50 words and a maximum of 200 words.** → **Word count range for Grades 2-3 is a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 350 words.** → **All stories must include a minimum of 5 illustrations.**

- Only one entry per child. → Only single author stories (no co-authors).
→ Story must be original work of the child.
→ Story may be fact or fiction, prose or poetry. → Invented spelling is accepted.
→ Text must be printed/written legibly or typed.
→ Children who can't write may dictate their story to be printed or typed. → Non-English text must be translated into English text on the same page.

- English text must adhere to the word count. → Word count does not include words on non-story pages (e.g. title page) or those that enhance illustrations.
→ Story text may be on pages with illustrations or on separate pages.
→ Original art can include drawings, collages, 3-D, and/or photos taken by the author.

I acknowledge that I have read the Contest Rules & Regulations prior to signing this and I understand the rules. **Required:**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Email:** _____

For office use only.

- Data Entered _____
→ Story Scanned _____
→ Uploaded _____

- Received Email _____
→ Posted Online Email _____
→ Results Email _____

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Teacher Signature: _____ Email: _____

Printed Name: _____

School: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ School Phone: (_____)_____

Deadline for receipt of entries is Friday, March 1, 2025.

WJCT is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, misdirected, damaged, mutilated, incomplete or illegible entries, or postage-due mail.

WJCT will make every effort, but is not required, to return entries. Stories will be returned *only* if they are accompanied by a stamped and self-addressed envelope of an *appropriate* size.

Mail Entries to:

WJCT

c/o Writers Contest 100

Festival Park Avenue

Jacksonville, FL 32202

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