



WHRO's 14th Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators Contest

Eligibility

The *Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest* is open to children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades. Winners in grades K-3 will compete nationally this year. **(Fourth and Fifth are local only.)** Each grade level will be judged separately. Children of employees of **WHRO** are not eligible.

Entry Guidelines

Entrants must be in Kindergarten, First, Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth grades. 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.

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.

Word Count

- Kindergarten & First grade stories must contain 50-200 words.
- Second & Third grade stories must contain 100-350 words.
- Fourth & Fifth grade stories must contain 200-450.
- The word count includes "a," "an," & "the," but not the words on non-story pages such as the title page.

Format & 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. *(No Computerized illustrations for National)*

Official Entry Form

- Entry form must be complete, legible, and must include parent (& teacher, if appropriate) signature.

Entry Form

Each entry must include the official *Reading Rainbow Young Writers & Illustrators* Entry 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.

Judging, Awards & Notification

Entries will be judged on originality, creative expression, storytelling and integration of copy and illustrations. Every entrant will receive a Certificate of Achievement. First Place and Honorable Mention winners will be chosen from entries received. A reception will be held at WHRO in honor of all winners. Each winner will receive a savings bond, appear on WHRO-TV and receive a DVD copy of them reading their story. (First Place stories from grades K-3 will compete in the National Contest.)

Return of Entries

The Contest administrators will make every effort, but are not required, to return entries only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope of an appropriate size. **WHRO** is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, misdirected, damaged, mutilated, incomplete or illegible entries, or postage-due mail. (Parents and teachers are always welcome to pick up stories from the station.)

Rights Associated with Contest

Winners grant to **WHRO** 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 **WHRO**. 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 **WHRO** 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.