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OPT/PBS KIDS Writers Contest Entry Form 2025

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**    School: \_\_\_\_\_ 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, collages, 3-D and photos taken by the author • Story may be fact or fiction, prose or poetry • Use only one side of the paper • Number each page • Do not bind or staple pages • 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 into English text on the same page and the translated English 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 (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: April 25, 2025**

**Submit via Mail:**  
Ozarks Public Television  
Attn: Writers Contest  
901 South National  
Springfield, MO 65897

**Deliver To:**  
Strong Hall, Room 115  
900 South Holland Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65897

**Submit via Email:**  
[events@optv.org](mailto:events@optv.org)  
Note: If submitting electronically, please provide full-color scans of each page, correctly ordered, in a PDF file format.