



2026 OPT/PBS KIDS® Writers Contest Entry Form

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: April 24, 2026

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 • 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 (_____) _____

Submit via Mail:

**Ozarks Public Television
Attn: KIDS Writers Contest
901 South National
Springfield, MO 65897**

Deliver To:

**Strong Hall, Room 102
Attn: KIDS Writers Contest
900 South Holland Ave.
Springfield, MO 65897**

Submit via Email:

events@optv.org
Note: If submitting electronically, please provide full-color scans of each page, correctly ordered, in a PDF file format.