

# **27<sup>th</sup> Annual Milwaukee PBS KIDS Young Writers Contest 2023**

## **Guidelines for Parents and Teachers**

The official rules and entry form and all contest information is available at Milwaukee PBS's website at MilwaukeePBS.org.

Children who live in the following southeastern Wisconsin counties should send their entries to Milwaukee PBS: Dodge, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha.

**The ENTRY DEADLINE IS: Friday, March 24, 2023,**

**Must be received by 5 pm at Milwaukee PBS**

Entries will be judged on originality, creative expression, storytelling and integration to text and illustrations. Milwaukee PBS will impanel a jury of no fewer than 3 judges to judge submissions. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria.

- 40% Creativity and originality of plot and/or themes
- 40% Story structure and use of literary devices
- 20% Relevance, quality and originality of illustration

Although the story is key, the illustrative art is a very important part of the story. Please consider doing more than the required minimum of 5 illustrations.

Please design an eye-catching cover (title page) for the story. This illustrated cover is in addition to the required number of illustrations. The story must be book bound or stapled together to avoid pages being lost.

## **DATES to REMEMBER**

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| • January 1, 2023 | Milwaukee PBS will begin accepting entries                        |
| • March 24, 2023  | Milwaukee PBS entries due/deadline                                |
| • May 2023        | Judging and winners announced on MilwaukeePBS.org                 |
| • May 31, 2023    | All stories returned except winning stories                       |
| • June 2023       | 27 <sup>th</sup> Annual PBS KIDS Young Writers AWARDS RECOGNITION |
| • Fall 2023       | Winning stories air on Milwaukee PBS                              |

## **Story Submission & IMPORTANT-- Return of Entries**

Individual stories or school classroom stories are to be either mailed or dropped off at Milwaukee PBS at address listed below by Friday, March 24, 2023, by 5 pm.

If schools/teachers are submitting their students' entries in one or more bin containers, please attach the entry form to the story, a master list with the names of students, grade level, story titles, the teachers' names, school email address, and school phone number. Milwaukee PBS will call or email teachers who have indicated a book pick-up when stories are ready for pick up.

The mailing/drop off address is:

Milwaukee PBS  
Julie Hill Lehr  
Milwaukee PBS KIDS Writers Contest  
1036 N. Eighth Street  
Milwaukee WI 53233

### **IMPORTANT—**

**Every individual story must include a completed Entry Form and a STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE with proper postage (with child's name and mailing address OR school's mailing address, if the entry is a school submission) - Envelope size must be 10 ½ x 13 or larger to accommodate the size of the story, without folding the story. Entries without a STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE and proper postage and envelope of appropriate size to accommodate story will not be returned.**

**ALTERNATIVE:** Stories may be picked up at Milwaukee PBS. Please include a note indicating the request to pick up the submission(s), along with parent's/guardian's/teacher's phone number and email. Milwaukee PBS will email or call when stories are ready for pick-up. If neither is included submissions will not be returned.

All entries will be returned on or before May 31, 2020.

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