



2024 WETA PBS Kids Writers Contest FAQ

1. Are stories required to have an original title?

Yes, all stories must have an original title.

2. Do stories have to include the prompt?

Yes, all stories must begin with "A day at my favorite place..."

3. Is there a word requirement for story submissions?

Yes, the word count includes short words such as "a," "an," and "the," but not the words on non-story pages such as the title page or those words that enhance the illustrations.

Kindergarten:

- Minimum of 30 words
- Maximum of 100 words

First Grade:

- Minimum of 50 words
- Maximum of 200 words

Second, Third, & Fourth Grade:

- Minimum of 100 words
- Maximum of 350 words

4. How many illustrations must each story have?

Stories must have at least 5 illustrations.

5. Do I have to draw my illustrations?

No, original art can include drawings, collages, or photographs taken by the author. All art must be original, created by the Entrant.

6. Should story pages include page numbers?

Yes, stories must be written or printed on one side of each sheet of paper and page numbers must appear on each page.

7. Can I handwrite my story?

Stories can be typed or handwritten; children who cannot write on their own may dictate their story to be printed or typed.

8. Does the story need to be bound or stapled?

No, please only use a single staple or paperclip for your story.

9. When are stories due?

The deadline for the contest is **April 8, 2024**.

10. How do I submit to my story?

Option 1: Email a completed 2024 WETA PBS KIDS Writers Contest Entry Form with your story submission to **writerscontest@weta.org** by **April 8, 2024**, or

Option 2: Mail a completed 2024 WETA PBS KIDS Writers Contest Entry Form with your story submission to **WETA, 3939 Campbell Avenue, Arlington, VA 22206**. All entries must be postmarked by **April 8, 2024**, to be eligible.

11. If I chose to email my child's story, what should I include in the email?

Please try to send one complete email with your entrant's contest materials. Here are some tips:

- Subject Line: Please include First & Last Name / Grade
- Attach story submission & completed entry form
- PDFs are preferred

12. Will I get my story back?

The Contest administrators will make every effort, but are not required, to return mailed entries ***only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope*** of an appropriate size.

13. Can children from other states enter the contest?

No, only legal residents of the District of Columbia, Maryland or Northern Virginia may participate.

14. Can I submit multiple stories?

No, participants may only enter one entry per year.

15. How will I be notified that my story is a winner?

WETA staff will notify winners by phone and email after all grade levels have been judged.