

**NO PURCHASE OR DONATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.** The WLJT Writers and Illustrators Contest is produced by WLJT. The contest begins on Jan. 1, 2016 and ends with the announcement of winners on or about May 13, 2016. This contest consists of a local judging only. To enter the Contest you must submit your entry to WLJT. They must be delivered to the station or postmarked by April 1, 2016 to be eligible for competition. Contact Sabrina Bates at 731-881-7561 or [sbates@wljt.org](mailto:sbates@wljt.org) for questions or comments. This local contest is sponsored by WLJT, P.O. Box 966, Martin, TN 38237 and presented in partnership with Discovery Park of America.

### **Eligibility & Entry Guidelines**

- **Entrants must be children 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade.**
  - **Children of employees of PBS and Discovery Park of America, PBS stations or their affiliates, sales representatives, subsidiaries or parent companies, advertising/sales promotion agencies, and judges are not eligible.**
  - **Only one entry per person will be accepted in this contest; all subsequent entries will be disqualified.**
  - **Only single author stories qualify (no co-authored stories).**
  - **Stories can be fact or fiction, and prose or poetry.**
  - **Any failure to adhere to these contest rules may result in disqualification from the contest.**
- No purchase or contributions are necessary.**

### **Word Count Requirement**

Fourth and Fifth grade stories must have a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 500 words.

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

Text must be printed or written legibly or typed.

Children who cannot write may dictate their story to be printed, written legibly or typed.

Text may be integrated into the illustration pages or on separate pages.

Non-English text must be translated on the same page and the translated text (English text) must adhere to word count.

**Invented spelling is accepted.**

### **Format & Illustrations**

Stories must have at least 5 original, clear and colorful illustrations.

Original art can include drawings, collages, and 3-D images created by the author or photographs taken by the author.

Stories submitted must be created on one side of the paper and numbered on the back of each page.

### **Official Entry Form**

Each entry must include the official WLJT Contest Entry Form, with the required signature of a parent/guardian (and, if appropriate, the optional signature of the sponsoring teacher), consenting to allowing their child/ward to enter the contest, confirming that the story and art are original, and granting certain rights to the entry materials.

The entry form must be complete and legible to be eligible.

### **Judging, Awards & Notification**

All entries submitted will be judged by a panel of judges from WLJT and Discovery Park of America. Judging dates will be set by WLJT and should take place about mid-April :

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

All decisions of the judges are final and binding and not subject to appeal or review. Winners will be notified no later than April 25, 2016.

### **Prizes**

There will be one first place winner from fourth grade and one from fifth grade and a second place winner from each of the grades. They will receive a one-year membership to the Discovery Park of America. If the winners already have a membership, they will receive a gift card.

The winners' schools will be awarded prizes from Discovery Park's scholarship fund. The schools of the first place winners will be awarded \$100 each and the runner-up winners' schools will be awarded \$50 each. The scholarship money will be used to help pay for a field trip to Discovery Park of America in Union City, TN. The school will be responsible for the specific details of the field trip. Contact *Chris Gunlefinger*, Assistant Education Director at [cgunlefinger@discoveryparkofamerica.com](mailto:cgunlefinger@discoveryparkofamerica.com) or 731-885-5455 x20 for additional information.

Winners will also receive other prizes including arts and crafts supplies and books provided by WLJT.

### **Return of Entries**

WLJT will return the entries to the students along with an official Certificate of Achievement.

### **Rights Associated with Contest**

Submission of the entry form constitutes permission from the participant's parent/legal guardian for WLJT to use the participants' name, likeness, biographical information, information and materials contained in the entry form, photographs, and any statements or remarks made about the Contest in advertising and promotion without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. By entering, entrants' parent warrants that the participant's parent/legal guardian has the authority to assign such right, title, and interest. In the event that any applicable law requires certain formalities to be fulfilled to effectuate such grant of rights, each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to cooperate with WLJT to achieve fulfillment of such formalities. By submitting an entry form, each participant's parent/legal guardian, on behalf of participant, agrees to be bound by these contest rules. Each participant's parent/legal guardian, on behalf of the participant, agrees to release and hold WLJT and Discovery Park of America, and its employees, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, representatives, subsidiaries, parent companies, or other affiliated companies harmless from any and all damages, losses, claims and liabilities arising out of participation in the contest or resulting from acceptance or claiming of any prize hereunder. WLJT reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate, suspend or otherwise cancel the contest at any time. Income and all other taxes are the responsibility of the prize recipient. WLJT and Discovery Park of America are not responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with participation in the contest.

**Privacy:** Unless otherwise specified, any and all information connected in connection with this contest will be used by sponsors solely for the purpose of administering the contest.

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