



14th Annual

RULES and GUIDELINES

Entry Guidelines

Entrants must be in Kindergarten, First, Second or Third Grade. Each grade level will be judged separately. Only one entry per person will be accepted. Only single-authored stories will qualify (no co-authored stories). Stories may be fact or fiction, prose or poetry. Previous submissions will not be accepted.

Entry Form

Each entry must include the official Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Entry Form. The entry form must be complete, legible and must include a parent, or teacher where applicable, signature, confirming that the story and art are original, and granting permission to use the entry for promotional purposes.

Eligibility

Children of employees of Reading Rainbow, Detroit Public Television and any sponsoring company are not eligible.

Format & Illustrations

- Each story must have at least five (5) original, clear and colorful illustrations.
- Story pages must be single-sided with page numbers written on the back of each page.

Story Text

- Text must be written legibly or typed.
- Children who cannot write may dictate their stories to adults.
- Text may be integrated into the illustration or be on individual pages.
- Non-English text must be translated on the same page, and the translation text must adhere to word count guidelines.
- Invented spelling is accepted.

Word Count

- K-1st grade stories must have a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 200 words.
- 2nd-3rd grade stories must have a minimum of 100 and a maximum of 350 words.
- The word count includes “a,” “the,” and “and,” but does not include Title Page.

Judging & Awards

- Entries will be judged on originality, creative expression, story telling and integration of text and illustration.
- Each participant will receive a Certificate of Appreciation signed by LeVar Burton.
- First place winners will be entered in the national Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest sponsored by WNED-TV.

Return of Entries

- The Contest administrators will make every effort, but are not required, to return entries only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope of an appropriate size.
- Reading Rainbow and Detroit Public Television are not responsible for late, lost, stolen, misdirected, damaged, mutilated, incomplete or illegible entries, or postage-due mail.

Rights Associated with Contest

Entrants grant Reading Rainbow and Detroit Public Television the right to use their names and likenesses in advertising or promotion without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. By entering, entrants agree to abide by the above-stated rules, and warrant that their entry is their original work and does not infringe upon or violate the rights of any third party. Entrants also agree to grant Reading Rainbow and Detroit Public Television the right to edit, publish, promote and otherwise use their materials without permission, notice or compensation.

Entries must be postmarked no later than April 4th, 2008.

For return of your story, include a self-addressed, stamped 9x12 or larger envelope.

MAIL OR DELIVER ENTRIES TO:

Reading Rainbow Contest, Detroit Public Television, One Clover Court, Wixom, MI 48393

Entries may also be dropped at the New Center location at 7441 Second Avenue by 5:00pm on Friday, April 4th.