

1st annual Paper Plane Learning Short Story Contest Rules

1. Each entry must be an original composition, written by the child, without the assistance of parents or guardians. Parents may help with proofreading and revising only. Compositions must not have been published, self published, or made public on social media outlets.
2. Participants must complete the entire entry packet by hand. Typed packets will be disqualified. Packets must be in the students own handwriting. Parents may not complete the packet for the child. Final drafts of compositions may be typed in the Senior division only.
3. Participants will be divided into two age groups. Contestants ages 5-9 will compete in the Juniors division. Ages 10-18 will compete in the Senior division.
4. Entries for the Junior division must be 2000 words or less. Entries for the Senior division must be 5000 words or less. Any stories submitted, that are longer, will be disqualified.
5. Stories may not contain graphic or explicit content or subject matter. Submissions must be wholesome stories geared toward families and children. Stories do not have to be happy. They may be tails of tragedy or hardships, but they may not contain explicit language or details of overly graphic scenes. Keep entries PG.
6. All stories must be fictional.
7. All entries must be written in english.
8. Entries must not contain photographs or illustrations.
9. Only one submission per person.
10. All submissions must be made by February 1st 2024.
11. All contestants that are not chosen, own the rights to their work and may choose to publish elsewhere, or self publish.
12. Winners will receive a Cash prize, 10 paperback copies of their published book, and 25% of the total profits for book sales for their lifetime, and may bestow royalties to future heirs. Paper Plane Productions will own copyrights to all published works.
13. Paper Plane Productions maintains the right to disqualify a submission, for any reason, without issuing a refund.
14. Refunds will not be given for any reason.
15. No Paper Plane Production employees, or family members of employees may participate.
16. Winners will be required to provide a short bio and picture to appear alongside the winning piece. A pen name or alias is acceptable. No personal information about contestants will be made public.
17. Paper Plane Productions will not enter into correspondence with any contestant. The decision of the judges is final.
18. Entry packets will be scanned and emailed to info@paperplane
19. earning.net
20. Contestants are responsible for submitting completely original works and must, to the best of their knowledge, refrain from using themes or story lines from other authors' works. Any copyright infringement or plagiarism may lead to prosecution. In the event of

plagiarism or copyright infringement, the legal guardians of the contestant who committed the infringement, will be held liable for any damages Paper Plane Productions may incur.

21. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for proofreading submissions, checking for copyright infringements. Parents should deter children from referencing movies, cartoons, or previously read books. Visit copyright.gov for more information about copyright infringement.
22. By submitting an entry, you are agreeing to the aforementioned rules and regulations and you release Paper Plane Productions, employees, and heirs from liability or lawsuit.