

2022-23 SHORT STORY Guidelines

Boone-Story Reading Council is sponsoring our annual Young Authors Short Story Contest for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade during the 2022-23 school year. Students are encouraged to enter the contest and participate by writing and submitting a short story in prose form. Teachers may offer the opportunity to all students, but should respect any student who is not interested in participating.

Any building wishing to submit entries must have at least one person who is a MEMBER of the local council to qualify to enter the Creative Writing contest!

**ALL STORIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO Boone-Story Reading Council FOR JUDGING.
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY OR IN PRINT BY February 15, 2023 ENTRIES
MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOONE-STORY COUNCIL BY THAT DATE.**

Boone-Story Reading Council will recognize 3 places in each of the grade levels. First place winners and their teachers will be notified by mail and be invited to attend the Young Authors Celebration in April where they will be recognized and honored at a reception. Stories that are selected by the Boone-Story Reading Council as first place will also advance to the state-level competition. Congratulatory letters and certificates will be mailed to the second and third place winners at each level.

First place winners for Boone-Story Reading Council will be entered into the State Contest. The state association will recognize 3 places in each of the grade levels. First place STATE winners and their teachers will be notified by mail. They will be invited to attend the Young Authors Celebration during the Iowa Reading Association's Annual Conference in Ames in the end of June, where they will be recognized and honored at a reception. Congratulatory letters and certificates will be mailed to the second and third place state winners at each level. First, second and third place winners will be posted on the Iowa Reading Association website.

Kindergarten - First Grade: Students may dictate a story if the student's writing skills are still being developed.

Second - Twelfth Grades: These students must write their own stories.

(Co-authored entries will be judged along with their respective grade level single author entries.)

In all cases, the entries must be proofread and typed before entering the contest. Spelling, grammatical, and punctuation errors must be corrected!. Doing so not only provides opportunity for further story-writing education, but it also produces the desired finished product.

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS MUST BE FOLLOWED FOR THE ENTRY TO BE CONSIDERED
Stories that do not follow the requirements below can be disqualified. Only stories labeled
correctly and including all information will be considered for the Creative Writing Contest !

*Manuscripts must be written in prose (story format). Please follow the following length requirements:

Kindergarten – Grade Three: 500 words *or less*

Grade Four – Grade Eight: 800 words *or less*

Grade Nine – Grade Twelve: 1,200 words *or less*

*Short story entries are judged according to: **continuity, creativity/originality, clearly defined and developed story elements, originality, organization and technical mechanics.**

***STUDENT NAME CANNOT be on the front of the manuscript.**

NO ILLUSTRATIONS, BORDERS, OR FRAMES!

***Title and grade level must be on the front page.**

*** ALL ENTRIES MUST BE DOUBLE SPACED.**

* The typed manuscript should be mailed, brought by a member, or submitted electronically with a current entry form that is typed or neatly printed in ink as the last page. Please paperclip if you are submitting a paper copy. For a map of the local reading council go to www.iowareading.org

CREATIVE WRITING ENTRY FORM 2022-23

Due by February 15, 2023

STORY

TYPE *as the last page of each entry submitted*. If entering as a co-author please include a page for **each** author after the story or poem.

Story Title: _____

Grade: _____ *Word Count (*Short Story*) _____

STUDENT: first and last name: _____

Student's address: _____

Street

City

Zip

PARENT(s): first and last name : _____

Best contact phone number: _____

Best contact e-mail address: _____

TEACHER: first and last name: _____

Teacher's e-mail address: _____

Teacher's best contact phone number: _____

NAME of SCHOOL: _____

School Address: _____

Street

City

Zip

*Local Reading Council: Boone-Story Reading Council Region Central

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