



St. Louis Writers Guild Young Writers Awards

The book had no words...

Official Contest Guidelines

St. Louis Writers Guild has always believed in encouraging young writers. Throughout our history we have held contests for writers of all ages, and to continue that legacy we have created the annual St. Louis Writers Guild's Young Writers Awards. The contest officially opens on August 1, 2017 and will close on October 1, 2017. **Entries must be postmarked on or before October 1, 2017.**

Who is eligible? Any young writer may enter so long as they qualify for one of the two age groups. The young writers must be in 4th – 5th grade or 6th – 8th grades during the fall of the calendar year (2017).

The Prizes!

There will be six winners for each age group!

Age Groups One – 4th and 5th Grade | Age Group Two – 6th through 8th Grade

First Prize is \$50 | Second Prize is \$30 | Third Prize is \$20 | Three honorable mentions each receive \$10!

Other prizes may be awarded but are not guaranteed like the cash prizes.

The Contest Rules!

Write an original story that begins with the sentence: **“The book had no words...”** The story may be scary, adventurous, humorous, or just plain fun. Judging will be based on originality, cohesiveness, spelling, punctuation, and grammar.

Your entry must meet the following guidelines to be eligible to win:

1. You may submit more than one entry, but the Official Contest Entry Form (see Reverse Side of this Document) must be stapled, not paper-clipped, to the front of each story you submit. A missing entry form for any story will disqualify that story. You may copy this form.
2. Each entry may not contain less than 250 words or more than 500 words. (Title doesn't count)
3. Each entry must begin with the line: **The book had no words...**
4. Each entry should be typed or neatly hand-printed on white paper. If you type, you must use a standard 12-point black font. No fancy fonts or colored paper! Use black ink if you hand-print your entry. Print Neatly.
5. Do not include pictures with your entry.
6. Do not write your name or include any identifiable marks on the story pages.

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**Official Contest Entry Form for
St. Louis Writers Guild's Young Writers Awards**

Follow ALL the Official Contest Guidelines on the other side of this form.

A separate contest entry form must be attached to every story you send us. You may photocopy this form and print additional copies off the St. Louis Writers Guild Website at www.stlwritersguild.org

Mail your entry(ies) with postmark dated on or before **October 1, 2017** to:

St. Louis Writers Guild
Attention: Young Writers Awards
P.O. Box 411757
St. Louis, MO 63141

Entries will not be returned, so keep copies before mailing. Entries can also be emailed. Please attach a completed entry form and the story to the email, then send to Submissions@stlwritersguild.org

PRINT NEATLY and be sure to fill out this form completely!

Name of Young Writer _____ Age _____

Title of story _____ Grade _____

Email (primary contact) _____

Phone Number (____) _____

Young Writers Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

(please use if submitting as a class)

Teacher's Name _____

School/Organization _____

School/Organization Phone Number (____) _____

I have read all the official contest rules and followed them. I promise that the attached story is my own fictional work and contains my own, original ideas.

Young Writer's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Signature _____ Date _____