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STORYMAKERS

A short story contest for young authors

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The StoryMakers Writing Contest (the "Contest") is sponsored by Rocky Mountain PBS with major provided by the Qwest Foundation. All entries must be received **by October 16, 2009**.

1. How To Enter

Each participant and his or her parent or guardian must completely fill out, sign and **mail** the entry form and story to the address listed on the entry form ("Entry Form"). Limit **one** entry per participant. In the event of multiple entries, the first entry will be entered into the Contest and all other entries will be ignored.

Each participant must submit an original, single authored story (no co-authored stories) with a minimum of 700/maximum 1,000 words. Stories must be fiction only. Text must be typed 12 point Times New Roman and double spaced. For purposes of word count, include such words as "a," "an," and "the," but do not include words on non-story pages such as the title page. Any failure to adhere to these Contest rules will result in disqualification.

2. Eligibility

The Contest is open to Middle School (Grades 6, 7 and 8) ONLY.

The Contest is open to Colorado residents only. Entry materials become the property of Sponsors and will not be acknowledged or returned. Sponsors are not responsible for lost, late, damaged, misdirected or illegible Entry Forms or unsuccessful attempts to notify the prize recipients. All materials and information submitted as part of the Entry Form must be the participant's own original work. The Entry Form may not contain any unauthorized use of names, likenesses or biographical information of any third parties.

3. Judging

Entries will be judged on originality, creative expression and storytelling. Competitions will be judged by a panel of judges, randomly selected by Rocky Mountain PBS and Qwest. All decisions of the judges are final and not subject to appeal or review.

4. Prizes

Major prizes (gift certificates or electronics and/or books) will be awarded to the top three winners in each grade level. Sponsors reserve the right to verify that each prize recipient is qualified and entitled to receive his or her prize.

5. Conditions

All Federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Sponsors are not responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with participation in the Contest. By submitting an Entry Form, each participant (and his or her parent or guardian) agree to be bound by these Contest rules, and the decisions of Sponsors are final. Each participant (and his or her parent or guardian) agrees to release and hold Sponsors their employees, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, representatives and its subsidiaries, parent companies or other affiliated companies harmless from any and all damages, losses, claims and/or liabilities arising out of his or her participation in the Contest or resulting from acceptance or claiming of any prize hereunder. Sponsors reserve the right, in their sole discretion, to terminate, suspend or otherwise cancel the Contest at any time. Income and other taxes are the responsibility of the prize recipient.

7. Use of Information

Upon submission, each entry and the Entry Form become the sole property of the Sponsors. By submitting an entry and Entry Form, each participant (and his or her parent or guardian) assigns all right, title, and interest in and to the entry and Entry Form to the Sponsors and warrants that he or she (and his or her parent or guardian) have 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 his or her parent or guardian) agrees to cooperate with the Sponsors to achieve fulfillment of such formalities at Sponsors' request.

Submission of an Entry Form constitutes permission (except where prohibited by law) for Sponsors 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 for advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation.

8. Winners

Will be announced on-air and via the Rocky Mountain PBS Website at www.rmpbs.org.

