

# YOUNG AUTHOR'S WRITING CONTEST GUIDELINES

SPRINGS Young Authors' Writing Contest is for homeschool students in grades K-8. Each contest consists of five entry categories: K-1, 2-3, 4, 5-6, & 7-8.

There are two categories for the contest (Newberry & Caldecott). Students may submit an entry to only ONE contest. There will be a 1st and 2nd place winner for each category. All others will place 3rd for each entry category and for each contest. All entries must be received by December 10, 2021.

## CALDECOTT ENTRIES

1. Caldecott entries must include illustrations. The text should complement the art work.
2. Text can be typed, handwritten or computer generated. Any font type and color is allowed.
3. Both artwork and text must be the sole creation of the student.
4. There is a page limit for this contest. Please do not send entries over this limit. Caldecott submissions should not exceed 10 pages or fill one "bare book" if story is presented in picture book format.
5. Students can create illustrations using any medium that they would like (e.g. paints, inks, crayons, markers, original computer graphics, cut paper or sponge painting). Students may bind, laminate, staple or publish the book in any format desired.
6. Include a title and the young author's name.
7. The story must be fiction.

A SPRINGS Caldecott will be awarded based on the work as a whole (pictures and text). We realize our youngest writers may not include many words in their stories!

## NEWBERRY ENTRIES

1. Newberry entries cannot have illustrations due to the nature of our contest.
2. Newberry Stories can be submitted as a typed document using 12 point Times or Times New Roman fonts.
3. Newberry submissions should not exceed four pages typed (double-spaced) or handwritten. Paper can be no larger than 8 1/2 x 11 in size.
4. Provide a title page or cover including student name. The title page is not part of the page count.
5. Text must be the sole creation of the student.
6. Story must be fiction.
7. Number the pages.

Please fill out the information below. Please select a category (Newberry or Caldecott). All entries must be received by December 10, 2021. Please mail all entries back to Nikki McAdoo, 27740 Jefferson Avenue, Temecula, CA 92590

**Enter The Young  
Author's Contest**





## THE IMAGINATION MACHINE STORY GUIDELINES

**Your students are important to us!** In order to give them the greatest opportunity to have their writings performed, please make sure to follow the guidelines listed below.

1. Each story submitted must be labeled with the **student's FULL name, grade level** and **teacher's name**.
2. We accept as many stories per class as teachers can provide. We would rather have too many than too few.
3. We accept stories from one or two sentences on up to, but **NOT exceeding, TWO PAGES**.
4. **Please avoid using specific prompts.** Variety, creativity & imagination are highly encouraged.
5. All submitted stories must be on paper **no larger than 8 ½ x 11**.
6. All grade levels are encouraged to participate.

### **WRITINGS THAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:**

1. Due to the memorization required on a daily basis, we are not able to perform plays. (AKA scripts.)
2. We cannot accept, nor be responsible for the safety of any books (bound material) submitted.
3. Stories that are missing students full name, grade level, and/or teacher will be set aside and only perused once all correctly labeled stories have been read through. Please feel free to use our templates attached separately.