

OKTBC Short Story Contest

Basic Rules

- Entrants must
 - be entering 6th through 12th grade in the 2017-2018 school year.
 - Live or go to school in the state of Oklahoma during the 2017-2018 school year.
- All entries
 - are **due by midnight on Sunday, September 17, 2017.**
 - must be the original work of the submitter.
 - must be a **minimum of 250** words and a **maximum of 3000** words.
 - must be single-author.
 - This is a short story contest. Poetry and nonfiction will not be considered.
- Writers may submit up to three (3) separate pieces.
- Choose your words wisely.
 - No crude, discriminatory, derogatory, rude, violent, threatening, or sexually explicit submissions will be accepted.
 - There will be **no tolerance for plagiarism.**
- Judging will be done by members of the OKTBC in coordination with select authors. *By submitting, entrants agree that all judges' decisions are final.*
- Entries will be judged on:
 - **Originality** (unique thoughts, ideas, and/or perspectives) - 20%
 - **Creativity** (skillful choice of words to evoke a strong mood, idea, and/or image) - 20%
 - **Technical Excellence** (conforms to submission guidelines; contains few grammatical errors, misspelled words, or typos) - 10%
 - **Overall Impact** (is the story thought-provoking, enjoyable, and/or memorable?) - 50%
- Winners will be announced on OKTBC social media by Saturday, October 14, 2017. Winners will also be notified by email.
- Top entries will win a spot in an exclusive workshop with an award-winning teen fiction author.
- The OKTBC is not responsible for entries that are not received.
- **Entering this contest constitutes an agreement to abide by all contest rules, and confirms that any attached submissions are your own completely original work.**

How to Enter

- **You must follow these rules to be eligible to win!** Failure to do so results in disqualification.
- Submit by email to oktbcwritingcontest@gmail.com
- Multiple entries must all be attached to the same email.
- Email must include the following information:
 - Your full name
 - Your grade for the 2017-2018 school year
 - Your birthdate
 - Your address and phone number
 - The title or titles of your work
- Attach to the email each piece for consideration:
 - as its own separate document (.doc, .docx, .odt .pdf are acceptable file types)
 - in 12-point, black, Times New Roman font, double-spaced

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- o with the title written at the top of the first page, bolded, and underlined
- o with 1" margins and no special effects or unusual formatting
- o with a footer on each page listing the title and page number
- o with NO NAME on it—be sure to put your name in the body of the email, but NOT on your attachments

Questions? Contact us at oktbcwritingcontest@gmail.com for further information.