



2018 Dayton Book Expo Youth Writing Contest

Dayton Book Expo invites public, private and homeschool students in grades 4 through 12 to enter our youth writing contest. Participants must reside in one of the following **Ohio Counties: Montgomery, Clark or Greene** and use their own creativity to write a fictional story.

Entries that do not meet the following submission guidelines will be disqualified:

1. Base your fictional story on the theme: *Reading is My Superpower*.
2. Your story must be between 800 and 1,200 words (excluding story title).
3. Submission Format
 - a. Type your story in 12-pt. Times New Roman font; double-spaced; one-inch margins; printed on one-sided.
 - b. Do not put your name, school or other identification on any page of your story.
 - c. Add the title of your story to the top-center of the first page.
 - d. If your story has more than one page:
 - i. Number each page in the upper right-hand corner.
 - ii. Add the first four words of your title below the page number.
 - iii. Staple the pages together in the upper left-hand corner.
4. Complete the entry form (print legibly in ink) and staple it to the front of your story.
5. Mail two copies of your story and one completed entry form by the designated deadline.

Judges and Prizes

Judges will use a rubric to examine written voice, clarity, story development, grammatical use and originality in the following grade categories:

4th – 5th grades

6th – 7th grades

8th – 9th grades

10th – 12th grades

Prizes will be awarded for each grade category as follows:

1st place - \$100

2nd place - \$50

3rd place - Honorable Mention Certificate

Winners will be announced and awarded at 2:30 PM on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Dayton Book Expo. The event will be held at David H. Ponitz Conference Center, Sinclair College, Great Hall – Bldg. 12, 444 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

All entries must be postmarked by 5:00 PM Friday, March 30, 2018

Mail entries to:

Dayton Book Expo
Attn: Youth Writing Contest
893 South Main Street PMB 175
Englewood, OH 45322



2018 Dayton Book Expo Youth Writing Contest Entry Form

Postmarked by: Friday, March 30, 2018 at 5:00 PM

Name:				
Story Title:				
Word Count:				
Name of School:				
Grade Category:	4 th – 5 th	6 th – 7 th	8 th – 9 th	10 th – 12 th
Grade:				
Age:				
Home Address:				
City:				
Zip:				
County:				
Phone:	()			
Email:				

Parent/Guardian Permission

I, _____, (parent/guardian) give my permission for _____ (student) to participate in the 2018 Dayton Book Expo Youth Writing Contest. I verify that the submitted story is his/her original work.

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

Submission Checklist

	Fictional story based on theme: <i>Reading is My Superpower!</i>
	Word count between 800 and 1,200 words
	Submission formatted as required: font, margins, spacing, headers
	Two (2) copies of your story
	Completed entry form stapled to the front of one copy of your story
	Reside in Montgomery, Clark or Greene County, Ohio
	Parent/Guardian signature
	Submission postmarked by 5:00 PM Friday, March 30, 2018

All entries are the property of Dayton Book Expo



2018 Dayton Book Expo Youth Writing Contest Rubric

Student's Grade:	
Story Title:	
Overall Score:	

Written Voice			
4	Excellent	Speaks directly to reader	
3	Very good	Engaged with purpose	
2	Sufficient	Engaged, but not consistent	
1	Needs work	Lacks engagement	

Grammatical Use			
4	Excellent	No errors	
3	Very good	1-2 errors	
2	Sufficient	3-4 errors	
1	Needs work	5+ errors	

Clarity			
4	Excellent	Focused; reflects insight	
3	Very good	Reveals feelings; firm subject	
2	Sufficient	Slight connection; mixed subject	
1	Needs work	Incomplete statements	

Story Development			
4	Excellent	Reveals feelings; firm subject	
3	Very good	Thoughtful; exploratory	
2	Sufficient	Slight connection; mixed subject	
1	Needs work	Incomplete statements	

Originality			
4	Excellent	Beyond the obvious	
3	Very good	Shares really good insights	
2	Sufficient	Predictable story	
1	Needs work	Few or no insights	

Comments: _____
