



Kids Write Novels: Annual Novel Contest

1. No entry fee is required, and all rights in the story remain the property of the author.
2. By submitting to the Contest, the entrant agrees to abide by all Contest rules.
3. The Contest is open only to those who have successfully completed the Kids Write Novels course for the 180 Days curriculum, either online or independently, and in one of the following two categories: Young Adult (9-12th grades) and Middle Grade (6-8th grades). Students can only submit one novel that correlates to the course they completed.
4. The contest entry date is June 30th.
5. Entries must be a Microsoft Word document at 8.5x11 manuscript size. Line spacing should be 1.25 and in a serif font.
6. Entries must be submitted electronically as a Word Document. All other formats will be disqualified. Each entry must have a cover page with the category (YA or MG), title of the work, the author's legal name, a pen name if applicable, address, telephone number, e-mail address, parent's name and email, and an approximate word count. Every subsequent page must carry the title and a page number, but the author's name must be deleted to facilitate fair, anonymous judging.
7. All entries must be in English and be original work. Plagiarism, which includes third-party ideas and concepts, characters, or any author's published or unpublished work without written permission, will result in disqualification. Submissions generated in full or in part by computer software and/or artificial intelligence will be disqualified. All entries will be put through detection software.
8. Content with excessive violence or the use of profane or vulgar language as determined by the judges, will result in the story being rejected. We do not accept the horror genre. Entries may not have been previously published online or in print.
9. To be eligible, entries must be a novella or novel, with 12 chapters containing a minimum word count of 30,000 words for YA and 24,000 words for MG. There is no limit to the word count for novels. For novels that do not meet the word count minimum, please

consider revising it into a short story for publication in our affiliate magazine, The Arcadian.

10. Only the first chapter of all entries will be read by the judging team. The top three selected will receive a full manuscript review and all entrants will be notified of the results. Only one winner may be selected and offered a publishing contract with Innovative Learning Press or their associated imprint. Default winners will not be declared. Contest winners are based on merit and writing craft.
11. Each entrant may submit only one manuscript.
12. All entries for the contest are final. No revisions are accepted.
13. Entries will be judged by a mixture of professional authors and instructors. The decisions of the judges are entirely their own and are final and binding.
14. This Contest is void where prohibited by law.
15. To submit your entry, email manuscript to: admin@innovativepress.org