

## **GoodStoryADay Young Writers Contest**

At [www.GoodStoryContest.com](http://www.GoodStoryContest.com)

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### **Rules**



**Who can submit stories?**

*GoodStoryADay* Young Writer's Contest 2009 is open to all youth who are under the age of 20 by October 21, 2009 and who want to share stories with others and make the world a better place. If you fit those two qualifications then, here is your opportunity. We encourage young writers to submit their stories, now. The owner, employee, family member or person in any way related to *GoodStoryADay.com* or *GoodStoryADay.com, Inc.* may not participate in this contest.

**What types of stories are acceptable?**

Your story can be real or imaginary. The characters can be real or based on real people or imaginary things. Tell the story in such a way that you get your reader to really know the characters and believe that the story could happen, if not in the real world, then in an imaginary one. As you can see by the writing categories listed below the *GoodStoryADay* stories can be extremely varied. You can write and submit any of the following types of stories, but you are not restricted to these listed here.

Article	Folk Lore	Poem
Autobiography	Humorous	Science Fiction
Biography	Inspirational	Short Story
Description	Letter	Sketch
Essay	Mystery	Skit
Fable	Parable	Tale
Fiction/non fiction	Play	Word Picture

How you tell the story is up to you. But it must have a beginning, a middle development, and an end that is the high point of the story, resolves the issues or problem addressed in the story, and emotionally ties the reader to a heroic main character. However, if it is a poem or a word picture, for example, then you may not have characters and a plot. You might have beautiful or exciting word images and sounds instead.

**What subjects can I write about?**

You can submit stories of every sort that give people hope, love, encouragement, happiness, joy, fun, entertainment, and goodness. They should be stories that create good pictures and action, that overcome obstacles and frustrations or that tell a dream and how to beat the odds.

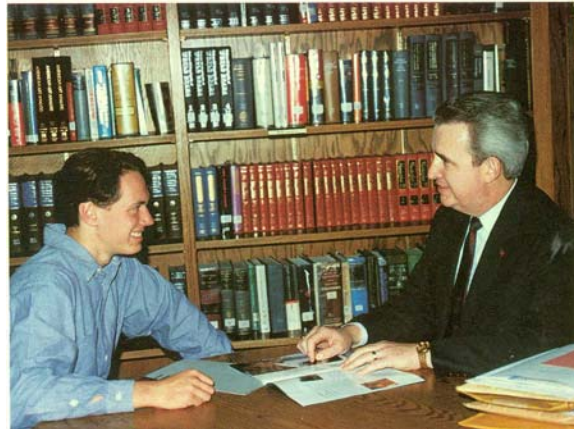
The central focus of all the stories should be goodness, because if we focus on goodness we will improve the world one child, one family, one story at a time! Just think of the good you can do by sharing your story and helping others see the world as a better place because of you. [Click here on Good Word Topics](#) for good ideas about which to write.

#### **How many stories can I submit?**

Feel free to submit several stories as often as you wish. However, make each story as great as you can make it. Pay attention to the words you select to use. Make them vivid and colorful. Make your sentences easy to read and build your story so that your reader can hardly wait to find out what happens next. It is fun. Let your imagination carry your story forward and conclude with a really good ending. So spend time on telling one story really well. When that is done, submit your story and then start working on your next one and make it also a truly outstanding story.

#### **Can I allow others to help me write and correct my story?**

Yes, if you have a story in mind, go ahead and write it, then get help with perfecting it. If you don't feel that you have great writing skills, share the story with someone who likes to write, or have your teacher, parents, grandparents, librarian, or counselor help you. Even though this is a contest you can get lots and lots of help as long as you author the story and the storyline is yours. It must be your original story.



#### **What if my story has been previously published?**

If your story has been published prior to you submitting it to [www.GoodStoryContest.com](http://www.GoodStoryContest.com), then you need to provide the publishing information and show proof of permission from the publisher that you own the copyright and have the right to allow your story to be published on *GoodStoryADay.com*. If it is published by another publisher, the exposure you get by having it published in *GoodStoryADay.com* will increase your and your story's popularity, thus this will bring more sales to your publisher and you.

#### **Should I, as a submitting author, share my submission with others after I have submitted it?**

No. Once you have perfected your story and shared it with your family, teacher and others who are helping you perfect your story, then do not share it with others. We prefer to keep the stories published on *GoodStoryADay.com* fresh and new to our readers. Also, if you have a really good story idea, you will not want to share it with others who might write similar stories.

### What length should the story be?

If you can tell your story or read it in two to ten minutes, that would be perfect. Stories should be between 200 and 1,000 words (1 to 4 pages double-spaced). But your story will not be eliminated because of its length. However, it should be near the length or the parameters given. Poems and jokes, for example, can be very short. If stories are extra long we can serialize them.

### When should I submit?

The *GoodStory* Young Writer's Contest, First Phase 2009 ends on June 21, 2009. But you should submit your story as soon as possible. Submit only one story at a time, but submit as many as you wish.

Set a goal date for yourself and keep it. You will feel great as a result. For fastest processing of your story, please submit your story in the box provided under [Enter Contest](#) on this site. All entries must be received by electronic transmission. If you do not have home access to a computer, then go to a school or library and ask to use theirs. If you are under 18 you must have your parent's or guardian's consent which will be requested by *GoodStoryADay.com*, Inc. when you are in the final winning rounds. You do not need their permission when you submit the story, only when the story is published.

### Can two or more people write and submit one story?

Yes, many stories and books are co-authored. However, to submit a co-authored story you must have a written agreement signed by you and the other authors and the parents or guardians involved if the authors are under 18. You need to have in writing facts relating to creating the story, its copyright and ownership. However, all authors must meet the age limit.



### Should I include my bio and my photo with my story submission?

If you are among the winning contestants, you might be asked to submit a current picture of you and a short "bio" - a paragraph of 50 words or less about you. Your entry, if published, can become a great advertisement for your work in the future and will help establish you as an author. These will not be published without written permission.

Once your name is in print or on the Internet and your talent is displayed, you never know the opportunities this will open for you!

Give your name, age if under 20, your school or work, your city, your special talents, accomplishments and dreams, and contact information.

### Can the author's name be withheld for Privacy reasons?

Yes, if you and your parent or guardian request that your name and identity be withheld, no information about you will be published including your name. You can use a pen name, which many authors do. You need to consult with legal counsel to determine the viability of using a pen name. All submissions must contain your legal name, but your legal name will not be published with your work unless we have your permission to do so.

### What is *GoodStoryADay.com, Inc.* Privacy Policy?

*GoodStoryADay.com, Inc.* Privacy Policy states that all materials and contact information will not be shared with anyone without the contributor's written permission. Submitting your story does not authorize use by *GoodStoryADay.com*, any affiliate, or associated party. We will not publish your story until you have signed a release form allowing it to be published on *GoodStoryADay.com*. Our use is non-exclusive so you can publish your story elsewhere.

### Who owns the copyright of the stories submitted in this contest?

The author and/or possibly the publisher, agent or someone else who has been assigned the copyright (not *GoodStoryADay.com* nor *GoodStoryADay.com, Inc.*) owns the copyright of author's intellectual property. If a submitted story is co-authored, then the authors would probably copyright the work jointly. See [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov) for detailed copyright information governing the United States of America or seek legal counsel.

### What happens to stories once they are received by *GoodStoryContest.com*?

When we at *GoodStoryADay* receive your story through *GoodStoryContest.com*, we will E-mail an acknowledgment to you. Keep in mind that we will be judging stories every month. So if yours does not get into the current group, then it will eventually be considered. Please, be patient, and please do not contact us if you have not heard from us.

We will keep you informed of your progress, via E-mail only. Judging stories is an important, yet time-consuming process. If your story is chosen, you will be notified by E-mail. However, if your story is not chosen, you will not receive a rejection letter because it might be considered for future projects.

Once your story is accepted as a winning story, we will copyedit and proof it. Only with your final approval will we publish it on our web site, [www.GoodStoryADay.com](http://www.GoodStoryADay.com).

If your story is potentially very good but still needs some work for it to be a contending winner, the story could be returned to you with suggestions for improvements. If this should occur, you may decide to rewrite your story and resubmit it or not. That decision is up to you.

### What Prizes are being offered?

[Click on Prizes](#) to discover the 6,001 prizes with a collective value of over \$3,000,000 that will be awarded to young writers.

All decisions made by the judges are final. No response will be given to inquiries about winning status.

If two or more identical or closely related stories are submitted by one or more authors, the first one received will be considered.

Many, many thanks for considering sending us your stories! We look forward to hearing from you.

Always remember to have fun and truly **EEE'nJoy** the process of sharing your images and words of goodness with the world.

Our motto is . . .

**EEE'nJOY**

**Entertainment, Education, Excellence, and Joy!**

**What an adventure life is. What fun it is to learn how to EEE'nJoy and WIN in everything you do!**

EEE'njoy with love and goodness,

*Joycabelle*

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P.S. If you would like, you can listen to a FREE Special Report: "How to Write Great Stories" which gives prize winning tips regarding the do's and don'ts of story writing. [Click on "How to Write Great Stories,"](#) an MP3 file ready for you to download.

*Enriching the World: one child, one story, one day at a time.*

