



2024 Central-Coastal California Writers' Day CONTEST Submission

Submit via EMAIL

You may submit up to two entries – different categories only. Submitted entries must *not* be under contract for publication at time of submission. Winners of the Most Promising manuscript in each category receive \$1 entry tuition to CenCal's 2025 Writers & Illustrators Day event, and Special Mention award-winners receive half-price tuition. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of all Writers' Day events and on Facebook. Entries are not returned, nor are they commented upon, and the contest is open to registered 2024 Writers & Illustrators Day attendees only.

TO USE THIS FORM: Print, fill out by hand, scan, and send by email as a *separate* attachment for *each* contest entry. If you have trouble, simply include all information in the body of your email with each entry.

Author's Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Title of Manuscript: _____

Category: Picture Book Middle Grade Young Adult (if in doubt, choose by age of intended reader)

There is no separate category for nonfiction, so send your nonfiction entry to whichever age category it corresponds with.

CONTEST MANUSCRIPT ENTRY GUIDELINES

Deadline: Saturday, August 10, 2024 11:59 p.m. PT

_____ **Categories:** PB, MG, or YA. *Include Category and Word Count on first page, upper right corner*

- **PB:** Manuscript text only. No synopsis. No accompanying pictures or dummies are permitted
- **MG/YA:** Ten pages, SCBWI manuscript format; *plus a one-page synopsis at the end*, for a total of 11 pages (10-page ms. + 1-page synopsis)

_____ **MS Format:** Double-space, 12-point type; *first page begins 1/3 down. Word doc or PDF format. PDF*

_____ **File Name Format:** title.category *Example: TheLittleEngineThatCould.PB Title Only! NO NAME*

_____ Poetry submission (PB/MG/YA): one poem per page is the standard, unless the poems are very short

_____ **No Name! Must be Anonymous:** Entries that identify the author will be disqualified. *Quick no-name double-check: make sure your name is not here: 1) document file name, 2) all manuscript corners, 3) byline, 4) header/footer, and 5) synopsis (MG/YA)*

HOW TO SUBMIT: Contest entries must be received by **Saturday, August 10, 2024 11:59 p.m. PT**, and are accepted by email only. **Send to Contest Coordinator Rebecca Langston-George at the appropriate email address below.**

- **Picture Book:** pbcontestcencal@gmail.com
 - **Middle Grade:** mgcontestcencal@gmail.com
 - **Young Adult:** yacontestcencal@gmail.com
- *These emails are for contest entries only.

Questions? Don't wait until the deadline approaches to ask questions using the above email(s). We are not responsible for you not receiving an answer to your question if you wait until the last week.

Confirmation: You will receive a brief email to confirm receipt of each entry. Please know that it will *not* be an immediate/auto response. Also, *no changes can be made once your entry is received.* Good Luck!