



## 2021 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 free tuition to Writers' Day 2022, 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 Writers' Day attendees only. Our judges, from outside our region, shall remain anonymous.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Manuscript: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### CONTEST MANUSCRIPT ENTRY GUIDELINES

Deadline: **Friday September 10, 2021, 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: 1) document file name, 2) all ms. corners, 3) No byline, 4) header/footer, and 5) synopsis (MG/YA)*

**HOW TO SUBMIT:** Contest entries must be received by *Friday, September 10, 2021, 11:59 p.m. PT*, and are accepted by email only. **Send to Contest Coordinator Paulina Hill at the appropriate email address below.**

**Picture Book:** [pbcontestcencal@gmail.com](mailto:pbcontestcencal@gmail.com)

**Middle Grade:** [mgcontestcencal@gmail.com](mailto:mgcontestcencal@gmail.com)

**Young Adult:** [yacontestcencal@gmail.com](mailto: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). Also, please try to submit your entry/entries as far in advance of the deadline as possible, in case questions arise.

**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!