

Student Short Story Contest

Enter your short story for prizes!



1st Place ~ A handcrafted journal and a \$25 gift certificate

Short story will be published in the Radcon Program Book

2nd Place ~ A handcrafted journal

3rd Place ~ \$25 gift certificate

All winners will receive a weekend membership to Radcon to meet world renowned authors!

Rules:

- ✓ You must be a student from the Tri-Cities area in grades 6 through 8.
- ✓ Short stories must be 1000 to 5000 words long
- ✓ Story themes should keep to the genres of: science fiction, fantasy, cyber punk, urban fantasy, or steam punk. Please, no fan fiction!
- ✓ Story must meet the submission format guidelines attached

Guidelines:

- ✓ Double spaced, 12 point Font (Courier, Ariel, or New Times Roman), 1 inch margins, aligned to left margin
- ✓ In the upper left corner, type your name, and school. Include a way to contact you like your E-mail address or a teacher's email address (be sure to include your teacher's name)
- ✓ In the upper right corner, include the approximate word count of the story
- ✓ Centered the title two lines down from your contact information
- ✓ Include your name, centered below the title, and start the story two lines below that
- ✓ Please indent new paragraphs
- ✓ Include a footer on all pages with your last name, story title, and page number.

Submission:

Contest Deadline is January 8th. Winners will be contacted by February 5th. through email or by phone. Submissions should be made in "word" or "pdf" format to: kriggens@verizon.net

Additional Info:

Prizes will be awarded February 12th at the Radcon Conventions Opening Ceromones. Student Short Story Contest is sponsored by Round Table Writers and The Radcon Guild.

- For questions regarding Round Table Writers, please email kionadad@aol.com
- For more contest information or questions, please email kriggens@verizon.net.
- Information about Radcon can be found at <http://radcon.org>

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My Story
by Janet Rite

Writing a story can be a lot of fun. It's taking the movie that plays in your mind and putting it to paper for everyone to read. However, that story can be hard to read if you use a strange font type like "Chiller" or "Jokewood". So it is better to use fonts like "Courier", "Arial", or "New Times Roman". This example was typed in "New Times Roman". The font size is very important too. If the font too small, others will not be able to read it. If the font is too large, it will cover more pages and the reader will have to turn to the next page too often. This could cause your reader to lose focus and get bored of your story early. The 12 point font size is just right.

If you are entering your story for a contest, you want to be sure the judges can contact you when you win. Including your email address, a phone number, or your teacher's email address will make it easier for the judges to contact you. Be sure that if you use your teacher's email, you also write your teacher's name. For example, if I used my teacher Mrs. Penne's email address for my contact, I would have typed "Mrs. Penne ipenne@hds2.org" instead of my email address. Also, I know that there are going to be several stories submitted to the contest.

To make sure that all the pages of my story are kept together, I included a "footer" that has my name, the title of my story, and the page number. It's easy to do. For older versions of Word, click on the "View" menu at the top, and then select "Header and Footer". A menu will pop up. Then click on the image for "Switch Between Header and Footer". When the footer at the bottom of the page is selected, you can type your name, your story title, and click on the icon for "Insert Page Number". The word count can be included using the same method. Just write it in the header. Be sure to align it to the right side! The word count for your story can be found in the "Tools" menu at the top of the screen. On newer versions, the "Footer" and "Header" options can be found under the "Insert" tab. The "Word Count" can be found under the "Review" tab.