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**2023 JULIE MEIER WRITERS COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**  
**This fully completed form must accompany each entry.**

Please type or print clearly:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Age (Circle One): Grades K-2 / Grades 3-5 / Grades 6-8 / Grades 9-12 / Adult (19+)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Category:  Fiction  Nonfiction **PLEASE NOTE: Each participant may submit ONE (1) entry, either fiction OR nonfiction.**

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**PUBLICATION PERMISSION FORM**

The Friends of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library have permission to include my entry in a book or website containing all entries in the 2023 Julie Meier Writers Competition. I retain all other copyrights for this entry. I have received and read a copy of the official rules and understand that failure to follow these rules may result in disqualification of my entry.

Name (please type or print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If under 18**, signature and address of parent or guardian:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not distribute entry forms without a copy of the rules!**

## 2023 WRITERS COMPETITION OFFICIAL RULES

► Rules must be followed or the entry may be disqualified. ◀

**Adults organizing group entries for children: Please make sure you have read and understand the rules.**

**Categories:** Fiction or Nonfiction

**Grades/Age Groups:** (Grades based on Fall 2020 enrollment) Grade K-2 / Grade 3-5 / Grade 6-8 / Grade 9-12 / Adult-19+

**Submission Deadline:** March 31, 2023.

**Prizes:** Provided by the Coeur d'Alene Kiwanis Club and the Friends of the Coeur d'Alene Public Library – First: \$100, Second: \$50, Third \$25. In case of ties, full duplicate prizes will be awarded.

### Three ways to submit your entry:

1. Pick up a paper copy of the entry form from the library and return it with your submission
2. Print out a paper copy of the entry form and turn it in to the library with your submission
3. Fill out the form on our website ([cdalibrary.org](http://cdalibrary.org)) and submit your artwork online

### YOUR RULES CHECKLIST

- A participant may submit only ONE (1) entry.
- Entries may be either fiction or nonfiction.
- Entries can be up to 2,000 words or less.
- Entries must not have been previously published or previously submitted to this contest. (Entries submitted simultaneously to the PBS Kids Writers Contest are also welcome in this competition.)
- Participants in Kindergarten through Second grades may submit hand-written entries as long as the writing is legible. Participants who can't yet write may dictate their entry to an adult to be typewritten.
- Entries for Grades 3 and older must be typewritten on one side of standard letter-size white paper with at least one-inch margins. Double spacing is encouraged to increase legibility.
- Illustrations are encouraged, but must be within the proscribed margins.
- Do not use cursive, all-cap, complicated, or other difficult-to-read fonts.
- Title page must be included and contain the following information:

**Title, your name, category and grade or age group.**

(Your name should appear ONLY on the title page. Do NOT begin your story on the title page.)

This paragraph is single-spaced.

This paragraph is double-spaced.

*These* **ARE** NOT good *fonts*.

- Beginning with the page after the title page, include the title and page numbers on ALL pages in the upper right-hand corner. The page after the title page is Page 1. (The title and page number can be within the margin space.)
- Do not staple, bind or fold your entry.
- Each entry must include **one clean copy of the entry** and a signed official entry form.
- Submit in a large, manila envelope (minimum size 9X12) to the library by March 31, 2021. One entry per envelope, please.

Winners will be notified of the time and place of the awards ceremony. (Time constraints do not allow the staff to contact all competitors.) Prizes will be given to the winner (or his/her authorized representative) at the ceremony. Prizes will NOT be mailed to winners.

Winners' names will be provided to local news media and will also be listed on the Coeur d'Alene Public Library's website and its social media sites.

### Tips for competitors:

- Before you begin to write, read the rules that accompany your entry form and then REREAD them. You must use the required format.
- Try to write the same way you talk. You may find it useful to read your entry out loud. Does it sound natural to you?
- Write about what you know. Look for stories in the world around you.
- You will find it valuable to have another person read your story for errors before you submit it.
- Format, spelling, and grammar are factors in judging. Don't rely entirely on spell check.