

You're invited to write us a story!



Young Authors Contest Kindergarten through 12th grade

Deadline for receipt of entries: Friday, January 9th, 2026

The winners' names will be posted on AltrusaTucson.org and be notified in February 2026.

Email Entry Form and Submission to:
youngauthors@tucsonfestivalofbooks.org

Or Mail Entry Form and Submission to:
Young Authors Contest
Altrusa International of Tucson, Inc.
PO Box 42801
Tucson, AZ 85733

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Student Name (Printed): _____

Title of Story/Poem: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Number of Words: _____

School Name: _____

Teacher Name & Email: _____

Instructions for Entering:

- Entries must be accompanied by an entry form
- Story/poem must be typed single spaced in 12 point Verdana with only title and grade centered and without the writer's name for judging
- Maximum length 1,000 words (*strictly enforced*)
- Story/poem must be original student work.
- Poetry will be judged as a separate category. Students may enter one story AND one poem.
- Story must have a beginning, development and a resolution
- Only single-author submissions
- Winning entries will be printed in the 2026 anthology as submitted
- No graphic novels or pictures accepted
- Non-English text must include English translation
- Young children may dictate their story
- Only open to students from Southern Arizona
- Judging in January; results in February will be posted on AltrusaTucson.org and subsequently in the Bear Essential News and the Arizona Daily Star

Parent Permission Information (please print legibly):

By entering your child's work in this competition, you agree that Tucson Festival of Books and its sponsor, Altrusa, may use your child's name, likeness and submission. If we are unable to contact you, or to receive signed acknowledgement, a different entry will be selected. The decisions of the judges are final. Sponsors are not responsible for lost, late, damaged, misdirected or illegible submissions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____

A prize bag, including a \$100 gift certificate to the UA Campus Store, will be given by Altrusa to each winner during the TFOB Young Authors event on March 14th @ 10 am. Final winners will be posted at AltrusaTucson.org and will be notified by email in February 2026.