

**Wisconsin State Organization's Annual
Mary Jo Nettesheim Memorial
Literary and Illustrator Competition** est. 1984
2023 Contest Information



Local Chapter: Racine Pi Chapter	Due Date: February 21, 2023
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Additional Information available:
<https://dkgwso.weebly.com/literary-competition.html>

Entrance Requirements

- To enter, a student must attend a Wisconsin school and be in grades 3-12 this school year. Books must be entered at the current grade level.

Book Requirements

- The book must be written and illustrated by **one student**.
- The book should be an **original fiction or an enhanced personal narrative** piece with well-developed characters, setting, and plot.
- Poetry is not accepted.
- Illustrations can be **original** drawings, collages, computer art, paintings or photographs and must be incorporated into the text. (Not just before or after the story.)
- Sources for **non-original** downloaded or scanned artwork **must be documented**.
- Stories may be handwritten or typed computer printouts. Someone other than the author may do the typing and editing. Please proofread the book for errors.
- Books should have an illustrated or designed cover **and a separate title page** just as professionally printed books do.
- Books should be securely bound.
- Each entry must include an **Official Contest Entry Form** that is attached to the inside back cover of the book.
- The **maximum** number of words are as follows:

Grade 3	500 Words	Grades 6-8	1,000 Words
Grades 4 and 5	600 Words	Grades 9-12	1,600 Words

Bilingual Spanish and Spanish Entries

- All of the requirements for standard entries apply.
- The book must be written and illustrated by one student.
- It may be written so it contains both Spanish and English text for the Bilingual entries. The author's creativity may allow for both languages to be used together. Spanish entries are written in just the Spanish language.
- Students will write based on their knowledge of Spanish and/or English. Google Translate or other translators are not allowed.

Judges have the right to disqualify any books that do not meet the requirements in any category.

Judging at the Chapter Level

- All books are submitted to the local Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter for chapter level judging.
- The local chapter will send the finalists to the state level competition.
- The local chapter will set dates for their judging.

State Literary Competition Entrance Requirements

- Winning books at the chapter level will be forwarded to the state competition by the local literary committee on/or before March 11, 2023.
- Individual entrants are not allowed to send their books directly to the state level competition.

Judging

- Books will be judged using the following criteria: story elements, creativity, originality, and mechanics.

State Literary Awards (it may be necessary to change awards):

- 1st Place - Award and \$50 check
- 2nd Place - Award and \$30 check
- 3rd Place - Award and \$20 check
- Honorable Mention- Award and \$10 check
- All entries receive a participation certificate

State Illustrator Competition Entrance Requirements

- All chapter level winners whose books are submitted to the Literary Competition will also be considered for the Illustrator Competition.

Judging

- The student's grade level will be taken into consideration when illustrations are judged.
- Judging criteria will include: originality, appropriateness of illustrations to the text and cover design, continuity, creative use of media and techniques, and neatness.
- All artwork and computer generated illustrations must include documentation citations or they will be disqualified.

State Illustrator Award

- Grand Prize - Medal, trophy, or ribbon
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, Honorable Mention, and Special Awards - medal or ribbon

2023 Official Contest Entry Form



Please print this contest page and securely bind it as the LAST PAGE of your book or attached to the INSIDE BACK cover.

Book Title:	Book Word Count:
Author's Legal Name:	Grade:
Author's Address:	Phone Number:
Author's City & Zip Code:	Author's Parent's email:
School Name:	Teacher's name:
School Address:	Teacher's email:
School City & Zip Code:	
Local Chapter: Racine Pi Chapter	By signing below, you are agreeing that you have followed the rules for the competition. You also give permission to DKG to copy all or parts of your book and to use your name, picture, and/or video for publication to promote the Literary Contest.
My book is Fiction, Personal Narrative, Bilingual Spanish, or Spanish. (Bold or circle one.)	
Illustration type/medium used:	
Author's Signature:	Parent/Guardian's Signature: