

## 2018 Kansas Book Festival Writing Contest

Contest opens January 11 and entries will be accepted through April 30.

Winners will be notified by July 31 and recognized at the 2018 Kansas Book Festival on September 8.

Theme: “Describe Kansas”

Select a word or phrase to describe Kansas. Make a clear connection between the word or phrase and an aspect of Kansas, such as the state’s history, landscape, people, traditions, or other aspects. Explain how the word or phrase describes Kansas and include specific examples and descriptive explanations.

Open to Kansas students in grades 3-12.

Winners will be divided by the four Congressional Districts.

Criteria for Essays:

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade essays should be no more than 750 words and original work.

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade essays should be no more than 1,000 words and original work.

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade essays should be no more than 1,500 words and original work.

A strong essay will:

- Identify a word or phrase to describe Kansas.
- Make a clear connection between the word or phrase and an aspect(s) of Kansas.
- Include both specific examples and descriptive explanations.
- Reflect close attention to the conventions of spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation as a way to effectively present one’s ideas to others.

Prizes:

There will be one 1<sup>st</sup> place winner and one 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in each of the grade level divisions per Congressional District.

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: First place receives \$100, Second place receives \$50

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade: First place receives \$250, Second place receives \$125

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade: First place receives \$500, Second place receives \$250

All winning essays will be compiled into a book and each winner will receive a copy.

Winners will be notified by July 31 via the e-mail address provided on the entry form and invited to attend the Kansas Book Festival on September 8 in Topeka to receive their prize and recognition. Should you be unable to attend, your prize will be mailed to you the week of September 10. Please make sure

that you include contact information that will be valid during the summer.

***Essays must be submitted in Word Document Format (if e-mailed) and submitted with a registration form.*** (You are allowed to create a cover page for your entry that includes all of the categories listed in the registration form below without actually using the official form.)

Entries may be submitted via e-mail to [ksbookfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ksbookfestival@gmail.com) or by mail to:

Topeka Community Foundation

Attn: Kansas Book Festival

5431 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 300

Topeka, KS 66614

For questions, please e-mail [ksbookfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ksbookfestival@gmail.com).



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Name:

Home Mailing Address:

Congressional District (see attached map):

Email address:

Phone number:

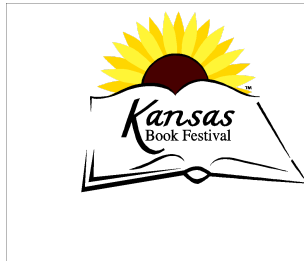
School name:

School address:

School phone number:

Grade:

Teacher:



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Congressional District Map

