

CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM 2026

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 8th at 11:59pm

TO USE THIS FORM: Print, fill out by hand, scan & send by email as a separate attachment for each entry. Print clearly. **If you have trouble w/ the form just include all the info requested in your email.**

You may enter up to two contest entries if they are in different categories (pb, mg or ya). Contest winners are announced at the end of the event. You must be registered for the event to enter. Contest entries are NOT returned or commented upon. CenCal reserves the right to not declare a winner(s) or combine categories should an insufficient quantity of entries be received.

Author's Last Name:_____ **First Name:**_____

Email:_____ **Phone:**_____

Title of Manuscript:_____

Category (choose one—if in doubt choose by age of intended reader) May be fiction or nonfiction.

___ Picture Book ___ Middle Grade ___ Young Adult

CONTEST FORMAT CHECKLIST

___ **Make sure your name and address are REMOVED before sending.**

Contest entries are **ANONYMOUS**. Manuscripts that identify the author will be disqualified.

Check the following to make sure your name is NOT included:

- Upper corner of first page should NOT have your name.
- Page Count Headers/Footers should NOT have your name.
- Synopsis should NOT have your name.
- File title should NOT have your name.

___ Category and word count included on first page upper right corner

___ Double-spaced, 12 point type, 1st page begins 1/3 of the way down.

___ Include 10 manuscript pages plus a one page synopsis pasted at the end for mg and ya

___ One page synopsis (mg and ya only) should be single-spaced.

___ For poetry one poem per page is the standard unless the poems are very short.

___ Only manuscript text is accepted. No accompanying pictures or dummies are permitted.

___ Save your file using the title only. For example **WizardofOz.mgcontest** Do not use your name to

save your file. Do not simply call your file contest pages.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Contest entries are accepted by email only & must be received by September 8th at 11:59pm.

Picture Books send to pbcontestcencal@gmail.com

Middle Grade send to mgcontestcencal@gmail.com

Young Adult send to yacontestcencal@gmail.com

Questions: email Rebecca at cencal@scbwi.org Allow me a couple of days to respond (I highly recommend not waiting until the evening of the deadline to submit in case questions arise).