



# Philadelphia Science Fiction Society (PSFS) YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST

Inviting young writers in grades 5-12 to enter a contest with their own  
science fiction or fantasy story!

Winners will be judged on their story's ideas, story, and writing. Prizes will be awarded: a **\$100 first prize** and **\$50 second prize**, one each for students in grades 5-8 and 9-12.

Winners receive free admission for two people to **PHILCON**, the annual science fiction & fantasy convention, held on **November 20-22, 2026** at the Doubletree by Hilton in Cherry Hill, NJ, and will receive their prizes there.

Send in one story, up to **1000 words** long (grades 5-8) and up to **3000 words** long (grades 9-12). *Do not include your name on the story itself.*

Email your story to [writingcontest@philcon.org](mailto:writingcontest@philcon.org) with the entry form below. Stories must be received by **midnight, October 3, 2026**. Stories may also be mailed to Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, PO Box 8303, Philadelphia, PA 19101 (please notify us of mailing at [chair2026@philcon.org](mailto:chair2026@philcon.org)).

Stories may be submitted in the form of Google doc, PDF, .docx, .doc, .rtf or .txt.

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

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## Philadelphia Science Fiction Society Young Writers' Contest 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Story Title: \_\_\_\_\_

### OPTIONAL:

\_\_\_\_\_ We hereby give the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society a non-exclusive, payment-free license to publish the submitted work in any form whatsoever, including, but not limited to, publication via any website of Philcon and/or the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society.

Parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Submission options: email this form with your story to [writingcontest@philcon.org](mailto:writingcontest@philcon.org) or mail to Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, PO Box 8303 Philadelphia, PA 19101

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: Midnight, Saturday, October 3, 2026**