



## **KID CURRENTS WRITING COMPETITION OFFICIAL RULES**

**Competition Period: Weekly until June 30, 2021**

**HOW TO ENTER: NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.** With their parent or legal guardian's written consent, students in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade may submit an original essay written by him or her and/or his or her original artwork via the following link" [k12nie.com/kidcurrents/](http://k12nie.com/kidcurrents/). To participate, one entry may be submitted per student per weekly writing topic or "prompt." Writing prompts are found in the Kids Currents section of the eEdition of the applicable McClatchy Shared Services, LLC ("Publisher") publication every Wednesday. The essay submitted for the weekly competition must be based on the weekly writing prompt.

Entry period: Deadline is 12:00 pm Pacific Time (PT) on the Tuesday following Wednesday's writing prompt. Entries can only be submitted online. Essays may not exceed 500 words. A photo of the participant's original art can be submitted with the writing. K-2 grade students may choose to only submit their art with a brief description in lieu of the essay.

1. Participants must provide legal first and last name, home address, daytime telephone number, and email address, as well as indicate that their grade level and age as well as confirmation that such participant lives in the United States.
2. Weekly finalists will be selected each week beginning September 9, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021. Entries will be judged by members of the Publisher team for quality, creativity, originality and support of the writing prompt.

3. Entry requirements:

In addition to the entry requirements above, each essay and/or artwork must be the participant's original work and not owned or replicated from any third party. By submitting such essay and/or artwork, student is representing and warranting that student is the author of such work, and no third parties have any rights thereto. Publisher reserves the right to edit the essays for grammar or to clarify meaning.

4. Publisher will not be responsible for delays or inability to submit entries due to fires, power shutoffs, internet failures, inclement weather, or technical malfunctions in connection with competition submissions. Odds of winning depend on the number of entries.

**5. QUALIFIER SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION**

Weekly finalists and their parents/legal guardians will be notified via phone and/or email within three (3) days after the last day of submission for that particular week's entry. If the chosen weekly finalist fails to respond within the allotted time period, an alternate finalist may or may not be chosen in Publisher's discretion. No alternative prizes will be offered. All decisions by Publisher are final and non-competitionable.

**6. THE PRIZE(S):**

Publication of the essay and/or artwork in the print or digital edition of the Publisher's publication. No cash or other prizes will be offered.

**7. ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS:** Publisher's employees (and family members, including their children) are not eligible to win. This Competition is void where prohibited or restricted by law.

**8. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:** By entering, each entrant agrees that Publisher has the sole right to decide all matters and disputes arising from this Competition and Publisher's decision is final and binding. By entering, each entrant and his or her parent/legal guardian agrees that if selected as a finalist, he/she will sign a release and waiver of liability. The prize will be forfeited if the finalist and his or her parent/legal guardian does not execute the prepared form of release and waiver (as well as the other requirements herein) within 5 days, or if the selected finalist is not eligible in accordance with these rules. By entering, to the extent permitted by law, finalists and their parents/legal guardians agree to release Publisher and its parent, and affiliated and related entities, the officers, directors, employees, licensees and assignees of each, as well as their promotional agencies and all participating promotional partners from any claim, loss, liability, damage or injury of any kind arising from their participation in the Competition or competition-related activity, including any responses or commentary by third parties to the essay or artwork on social media or otherwise. No substitute prizes are available. In the event that a natural disaster or other unforeseen events interrupt or prevent the administration of the Competition, Publisher reserves the right to modify, cancel, extend, or reschedule this Competition. If for any reason, this Competition is not capable of running as planned due to computer virus, power outages, fire, tampering, fraud, technical failure, or any other cause which corrupts or threatens the administration, security or integrity of the Competition, Publisher reserves the right, at their sole discretion, to terminate or suspend the Competition in whole or in part or to modify Competition procedures. **ANY ATTEMPT TO DAMAGE OR UNDERMINE THE FAIR AND LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THIS COMPETITION WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE COMPETITION.**

**9. FOR A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL RULES, prize list, or finalist list, write to:**  
News in Education c/o Kid Currents Essay Competition, 2100 Q Street,  
Sacramento, CA 95816 on or before July 14, 2021.

