

About *Write for Kindness 2012*

Write For Kindness 2012 is a national storywriting competition organised by the Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM), in collaboration with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Temasek Polytechnic. It is a new platform for secondary school students to promote the kindness message of respect to pre-schoolers by creating age-appropriate and culturally relevant children's stories through creative writing and illustrations.

The objectives of this competition are to promote:

- The value of kindness through stories which focus on 'respect';
- The importance of stories as a means to positively impact preschoolers in their character development;
- Storywriting as a creative means of expressing cultural values; and
- Teamwork amongst secondary school students who work together on the stories for pre-schoolers.

Registration for the Competition

The competition is open to all secondary school students. Interested schools may form a maximum of two teams with **four** members each. Please refer to the Rules and Regulations of Write For Kindness 2012 in Appendix A.

Registration for the competition is open from **30 Jan to 24 Feb 2012**. To register please login to <http://kindness.sg/2012/01/write-for-kindness/> After registration, schools are advised to download the indemnity form from <http://kindness.sg/2012/01/write-for-kindness/> Please send a cheque (based on **S\$4.00 per participant** for the 2-day workshop) with the completed indemnity form to the following address:

Attn: Write for Kindness
Singapore Kindness Movement
140 Hill Street #05-01 MICA Building
Singapore 179369

****Please note that late registration will not be accepted.**

Two-Day Workshop for Participants

The faculty from the Diploma of Early Childhood Studies, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Temasek Polytechnic (TP), will conduct a two-day workshop for all participants of the competition.

This workshop aims to facilitate the participants' understanding of the target audience of their stories and provide the fundamental skills in writing a children's story.

Details of the workshop are as follows:

Workshop Dates / Day	Time	Venue
18 Jun (Mon) & 19 Jun (Tue) 2012	8.30 am – 6.00 pm	Temasek Polytechnic 21 Tampines Ave 1 Singapore 529757
20 Jun (Wed) & 21 Jun (Thu) 2012	8.30 am – 6.00 pm	

**Kindly note that the organisers reserve the right to allocate the workshop dates for the participating teams.*

Submission of the Completed Stories for the Competition

All entries must be submitted through mail or by hand to the Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM), by **24 August 2012, 5.30pm**, to the following address:

Write for Kindness 2012
MICA Building, 140 Hill Street #05-01
Singapore 179369

The Singapore Kindness Movement shall not be held responsible for any entry that is lost or misdirected in transit. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Copyrights and Terms of Use

All participants must be willing to surrender the copyrights to the completed stories to the organisers.

Prize Giving Ceremony

Participating schools will be notified of the results of the competition in Oct 2012. There will be prizes for the **top five** winning teams. The prize giving ceremony will be held in November 2012. More information about the ceremony will be available to the schools nearer the event date.

Winning Teams	Prizes for the Winning Teams of the Competition
1st to 3 rd Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A trophy each for the winning team (Gold / Silver / Bronze) • A medal each for the winning team member (Gold / Silver / Bronze) • A certificate for each winning team member • Five hard copies of a book comprising the winning stories for the schools with the winning teams • A three-year membership and cash vouchers with either Popular or Kinokuniya Bookstore for each of the winning team members • A Singa keychain or figurine for each of the winning team member
4 th to 5 th Prize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A trophy each for the winning team • A medal each for the winning team member • A certificate for each winning team member • Five hard copies of a book comprising the winning stories for the schools with the winning teams • Cash vouchers from either Popular or Kinokuniya Bookstore for the winning team members • A Singa keychain or figurine for each of the winning team member

Write for Kindness 2012 Timeline

Date	Event
30 Jan – 24 Feb 2012	Registration for the storywriting competition
18-19 & 20-21 Jun 2012	Workshop for the participants
24 Aug 2012, 5.30 pm	Deadline for the submission of completed entries
15 Sep – 28 Sep 2012	Review of all entries
1 Oct 2012	Posting of the competition results on the Singapore Kindness Movement website. Schools will also be notified by mail.
Nov 2012	Prize-Giving Ceremony

Reminder: Registration for the competition

Please make sure you complete the following steps for a successful registration for the competition

- 1) Go to <http://kindness.sg/2012/01/write-for-kindness/> to register students' names and other particulars online.

- 2) Download the indemnity form from <http://kindness.sg/2012/01/write-for-kindness/> and complete it.

- 3) Print the indemnity form and write a cheque for the attendance of the participating members. Send the form and the cheque to SKM before 24 Feb 2012.

Appendix A

Rules and Regulations for *Write For Kindness 2012*

Write For Kindness 2012 is a storywriting competition which invites secondary school students to write stories on kindness for preschoolers aged between 5 and 6 years old. Quality winning entries will be distributed to early childhood settings as a teaching resource.

Eligibility for the Competition

1. *Write For Kindness 2012* is open to all secondary school students.
2. The competition is limited to a total participation of **40** teams nationwide.
3. Each school may send a maximum of **two teams** of four students each to participate in the competition.
4. All participants are required to attend a two-day workshop conducted by Temasek Polytechnic in Jun 2012.
5. There will be a fee of \$4 for each participant for the two-day workshop.

Deliverables for the Competition

All entries are to include the following:

1. A completed cover sheet which is available online.
2. An original hardcopy of the story in booklet form.
3. The story should follow the given book template which is available online.
4. The word count of each story should not exceed **300 words**.
5. Only **one** entry per team is allowed.

Pls note: These templates will be made available online after the workshop.

Judging Criteria for the Competition

1. All stories should be original works which have not been submitted as entries for other storywriting competitions or school projects.
2. A panel of judges will evaluate each entry by the following criteria:
 - i. Clarity of the Theme (25%)
 - ii. Suitability of the Story for Preschoolers (25%)
 - iii. Language & Mechanics (20%)
 - iv. Creativity/Originality of Ideas (30%)
3. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence with the judges will be entertained.