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CONTEST ENTRIES THAT ARE CREATED BY MINOR CHILDREN ARE ACCEPTED PROVIDED THAT THE ENTRY WAS SUBMITTED WITH PERMISSION OF A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND THAT THE CONTEST ENTRY FEE WAS PAID BY THAT SAME PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. PRIZES, IF ANY, WON BY THE MINOR CHILD SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

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2. **THE CONTESTS:** For information on the various Contests held by Writer’s Digest during the year, including information on entry instructions/fees, prizes, and deadlines, please see: [www.writersdigest.com/writing-competitions-preparing-your-entry](http://www.writersdigest.com/writing-competitions-preparing-your-entry)

Please see here for frequently asked questions related to the various Contests: [www.writersdigest.com/writing-competitions-frequently-asked-questions](http://www.writersdigest.com/writing-competitions-frequently-asked-questions)

3. **ORIGINALITY OF SUBMISSIONS:** All Contest entrants warrant that their entries are original works of the party or parties listed in the entry submission form and that they have the full power and authority to enter their work or works under the terms outlined herein. Any work entered into any Contest is further warranted by the Contest entrant to be free of any matter that is libelous, an invasion of privacy,

or is in any other way unlawful; and that it does not infringe upon any statutory copyright, common-law literary right, or proprietary right of any third party.

In the event that there is any third-party content included in the entry, the Contestant warrants that proper permission has been secured for any such material incorporated prior to submission to the Contest.

4. **PRIZES/ODDS OF WINNING:** Odds of winning will be determined by the number of eligible entries received and the quality of those entries. No prize transfer or cash redemption permitted. No prize substitution, in whole or in part, except by Sponsor due to prize unavailability, safety or security considerations, or any other reason as solely determined by Sponsor in which case a prize of comparable or greater value will be awarded. Winner will be notified by phone, e-mail, postal mail, or express mail at Sponsor's sole discretion. Return of a prize notification or other documentation as undeliverable will result in disqualification and an alternate winner will be selected. Winner may be required to complete an affidavit of eligibility, a liability release and (where legal) a publicity release, which must be returned within the time period specified in the notification letter or an alternate winner may be selected.

5. **LIMITED RIGHTS GRANTED TO SPONSOR:** All Contestants grant to the Sponsor publication rights to the winning entries, to be published in any Writer's Digest publication, which may be promoted, distributed, and sold. Writer's Digest also has the nonexclusive right to reproduce, display, promote, and distribute winning entries in digital form, including but not limited to the Sponsor's websites, databases, or as part of downloadable digital products associated with Writer's Digest competitions. The Sponsor warrants that it shall include in all uses of the winning entries proper attribution, in house style, based upon the contributor information provided.

6. **GENERAL:** Taxes on prizes and all expenses related to acceptance and use of prizes and not specified are the sole responsibility of winner. All Winners will be required to complete U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or W-8BEN based upon their residency status. Winners of prizes valued at \$600 or more defined as residing in the United States will be issued an IRS 1099 Form for the value of the prize. By participating, entrants agree [a] to these rules and decisions of Sponsor and judges, which shall be final in all respects relating to any Contest; and [b] to release, discharge and hold harmless Sponsor and its agents from any and all injuries, liability, losses and damages of any kind resulting from their participating in any Contest or their acceptance, use or misuse of a prize including, without limitation, personal injury, death and property damage; and if a winner, [c] to permit Sponsor to use his or her name, photograph, likeness, statements, biographical information, voice, voice likeness and city and state address for advertising, publicity and promotional purposes in all media, including but not limited to on air and online, in perpetuity, without compensation (unless prohibited by law) and agrees to execute specific consent to such use upon request.

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sole discretion to cancel or suspend any Contest or any portion thereof and to award the prize(s) from among all eligible entries legitimately received prior to cancellation. Entry information becomes property of Sponsor.

**CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT BY AN ENTRANT TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEB SITE OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF ANY PROMOTION MAY BE A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.** Internet entry must be made by the entrant only at the authorized Web site address. Entries may not be made by any other individual or any entity, and/or originate at any other Internet Web site or e-mail address, including but not limited to commercial Contest subscription notification and/or entering service sites. Any winner who enters by any of the methods described above will be disqualified and an alternate winner selected. In the event of a dispute regarding the identity of the person submitting an online entry, the entry will be deemed to be submitted by the person in whose name the e-mail account is registered at the time of entry. Potential winner may be required to provide evidence that winner is the authorized account holder of the e-mail address associated with the winning entry. Use of any device to automate entry is prohibited. Judge's decisions are final and binding.

**7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION/CHOICE OF LAW:** Except where prohibited, by participating each entrant agrees that all issues and questions concerning these official rules shall be governed by Ohio law without giving effect to any principles of conflicts of law of any jurisdiction. Entrant agrees that any action at law or in equity arising out of or relating to any Contest shall be filed only in the state or federal courts located in Hamilton County in the state of Ohio, United States, and entrant hereby consents and submits to the personal jurisdiction of such courts for the purposes of litigating any such action. Except where prohibited, by participating in any Contest, entrant agrees that: [a] any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or connected with any Contest shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; and [b] any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with participating in any Contest but in no event attorneys' fees; and [c] under no circumstances will any entrant be permitted to obtain awards for and hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased.

**8. USE OF ENTRANT INFORMATION:** As permitted by law and in accordance with Sponsor's Privacy Policy, each entrant agrees that the Sponsor may share his/her entry information (including name, address, email address, etc.) with Sponsor's promotional partners and other parties and grant Sponsor, its promotional partners and other third parties with whom Sponsor chooses to share entrants' information, permission to contact entrants about upcoming promotions, special offers or for other reasons via electronic and ordinary mail. If an entrant would prefer not to hear from Sponsor or prefer Sponsor not to share information about the entrant, please remember to check the opt-out box when entering any Contest or opt out in accordance with Sponsor's on-line privacy policy, available for viewing at <http://www.fwmedia.com/privacy>.

9. **ADDITIONAL RULES:** By entering any Contest, you agree to all additional rules, terms, and conditions detailed for each specific Contest as detailed here: [www.writersdigest.com/writing-competitions-preparing-your-entry](http://www.writersdigest.com/writing-competitions-preparing-your-entry)

10. **WINNER(S) LIST:** To receive a winner(s) list for any Contest, mail a self-addressed, stamped envelope to be received within ninety (90) of the completion of the Contest to: Writer's Digest - Contest Winner's List, F+W Media, Inc., 10151 Carver Road, Suite #200, Blue Ash, OH 45242. Please make sure to cite the specific Contest for which you would like a winner(s) list provided.

11. **SPONSOR:** F+W Media, Inc., a Delaware Corporation with its principle offices located at 10151 Carver Road, Suite #200, Blue Ash, OH 45242.