

Florida Writers Association

Youth Program Membership Application & Permission Form

Please complete this form and mail with your check to:
Florida Writers Association
P.O. Box 66069
St. Pete Beach FL 33736

or pay online at *floridawriters.net*

If paid online, please write your payment confirmation number here:_____. You may scan & email your application to *youthwriters@floridawriters.net*

NEW MEMBER (\$15) _____

RENEWAL (\$15) _____ Member ID (if renewal)_____

Gift From _____

Youth Member Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Youth Member's Date of Birth _____

Please list any information about you or your writing you would like FWA to know. Use a separate page if necessary.

Signature of Youth Member _____ Date _____

Permission Form (Required)

Online Participation: The Florida Writers Association (FWA) is an independent trade association that operates the FWA Youth Critique Group as a safe, civil online community for FWA youth members under the age of 18 to share work and give and receive feedback. To submit work and or to post additional work or comments, a student must be an FWA youth member. Member information is verified before an account is activated and parental permission is required. FWA monitors the site regularly to ensure that the language and content is appropriate, respectful and not offensive. Some of the participants are teenagers, so there might be some “edgy” content. If a user is not following basic guidelines of respect and civility, he or she will be blocked. All authors retain full copyrights to their works. Meaning they can resell, use, publish, and distribute their material freely without any acknowledgements to, or permission from, or recompense to FWA. Youth members may also be asked to write book reviews that will be posted on the FWA youth’s website. While FWA makes a diligent effort, FWA cannot take responsibility for all activities that might take place on the critique site. It is the parent’s responsibility to make sure their children use the site in a responsible manner, do not respond to unusual requests or approaches and exercise common sense to ensure their own safety, including not publically revealing personal information. Because FWA intends a positive, constructive environment in its virtual critique group, it expects all users to notify FWA moderators in a timely manner if any unusual event takes place that raises concerns.

Royal Palm Literary Awards: This competition is open annually for youth members under the age of 18. To submit work, the youth must be an FWA member which is verified before a submission is accepted. All authors retain full copyrights to their works. This means they can resell, use, publish, and distribute their material freely without any acknowledgements to, permission from, or recompense to FWA. The RPLA staff monitors submissions to ensure that language and content is appropriate, respectful, and not offensive. If a submission does not follow FWA basic guidelines it will be disqualified. FWA cannot take responsibility for the content of submissions. It is the parent’s responsibility to proofread submissions before they are entered. All entries are judged by professionals and no author information is sent to the judges. A winner will be chosen from the first place recipients in each category and presented the Candice Coghill Award. The winner of this award will have his or her work published as an Amazon Short, from which they will receive all royalties.

Personal Information: FWA requires the youth’s full name, mailing address, valid e-mail address, home phone number, and date of birth. This information must be accurate and is necessary to verify that only FWA Youth members are using the online critique site and/or participating in the RPLA contest. It may be necessary for the program coordinators to contact a youth member if we have a question about their content or if their content is chosen for publication or special presentation. Personal information is accessible ONLY to FWA staff.

I, the undersigned, have read the FWA's Youth Permission Form and membership policies. I give permission for my son or daughter to join FWA and to have their work submitted to the RPLA youth awards and the FWA Youth Online Critique Group for the sole purpose that other youths, moderators, or judges will review and read the work. I also give permission for my son or daughter to write book reviews that could be posted on the FWA youth program website. I understand the only personal information that would be made public is my child's name. I also understand it is my responsibility as a parent to monitor my child's activities to ensure he/she is behaving in a respectful manner and is also using common sense to ensure his or her safety. I also understand that it is my and/or my child's responsibility to notify FWA of any unusual event or activity.

My Child _____, born ____/____/____ has my permission to join FWA, submit work to the FWA Youth Critique group and the Royal Palm Literary Awards, and has my permission to participate on the website.

Parent (or guardian) signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Information

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Welcome to the Florida Writers Association. *Writers Helping Writers* is not just a slogan.
It's what we do.

The Florida Writers Association reserves the right to refuse or cancel any membership if deemed necessary for the good of the organization.