

About *Write for Kindness 2013*

Write For Kindness 2013 is a national story-writing competition organised by the Singapore Kindness Movement (SKM), in collaboration with the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Temasek Polytechnic. It is a platform for secondary school students to promote the kindness to pre-schoolers by creating age-appropriate and culturally relevant children's stories through creative writing and illustrations.

Hence, the objectives of this competition are to promote:

- the value of kindness through stories which focus on '**together we care for our elderly**'
- the importance of stories as a means to positively impact pre-schoolers in their character development
- story-writing as a creative means of expressing cultural values
- 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 one team with **four** members.. Please refer to the Rules and Regulations of Write For Kindness 2013 in Appendix A.

Registration for the competition is open from **25 Mar to 19 April 2013**. Schools are advised to download the registration form from kindness.sg/wfk2013. Please send a cheque (based on **S\$4.00 per participant** for the 3-day workshop) with the completed registration forms to the following address:

Attn: Write for Kindness 2013
140 Hill Street #01-09, The Kindness Gallery,
Old Hill Street Police Station (S) 179369

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

3-Day Workshop for Participants

The faculty from the Diploma of Early Childhood Studies, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Temasek Polytechnic (TP), will conduct a 3-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 (Tues), 19 Jun (Wed) & 20 Jun (Thurs) 2013	8.30 am – 4.00 pm (1st day) Subsequent days:- 9am-4pm	Temasek Polytechnic 21 Tampines Ave 1 Singapore 529757

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 **23 August 2013, 5.30pm**, to the following address:

Attn: Write for Kindness 2013
Singapore Kindness Movement Secretariat
140 Hill Street #05-01
Old Hill St Police Station
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 Sept 2013. There will be prizes for the **top three** winning teams. The prize giving ceremony will be held in November 2013. 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 for the schools with the winning teams (Gold / Silver / Bronze)• A certificate for the winning team members• Announcement of the competition results in the local newspapers• 5 hard copies of a book comprising the winning stories for the schools with the winning teams• A Singa keychain or figurine for the winning team members

Write for Kindness 2013 Timeline

Date	Event
25 Mar – 19 Apr 2013	Registration for the story-writing competition Registration closes on 19 April, 6 pm.
18-19 & 20 Jun 2013	Workshop for the participants
23 Aug 2013, 5.30 pm	Deadline for the submission of completed entries
26 Aug – 20 Sep 2013	Review of all entries
30 Sept 2013	Posting of the competition results on the Singapore Kindness Movement website. Schools will also be notified by mail.
13 Nov 2013	Prize-Giving Ceremony

- For more details, please visit www.kindness.sg/wfk2013

Appendix A

Rules and Regulations for *Write For Kindness 2013*

Write For Kindness 2013 is a story-writing competition which invites secondary school students to write stories on kindness for pre-schoolers aged between 4 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 2013* is open to all secondary school students.
2. The competition is limited to a total participation of 25 teams nationwide.
3. Each school may send a **one team** of **four** students to participate in the competition.
4. All participants are required to attend a 3-day workshop conducted by Temasek Polytechnic in Jun 2013.
5. There will be a fee of \$4 for each participant for the 3-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 size of the book should be A3 or A4.
5. The word count of each story should not exceed **300 words**.
6. The page count should be between 16 and 36 pages.
7. Only **one** entry per team is allowed.

Judging Criteria for the Competition

1. All stories should be original works which have not been submitted as entries for other story-writing competitions or school projects.
2. A panel of judges will evaluate each entry by the following criteria:
 - i. Clarity of the Message (30%)
 - Relevance to the theme "Together We Care for Our Elderly"
 - ii. Relevance to target audience (30%)
 - Suitability for age group of 4-6 years old; appropriate length of story
 - iii. Language (20%)
 - Grammar, spelling, sentence structure
 - iv. Creativity/Originality of Ideas (20%)
 - Concept creatively presented
 - New/unique ideas in story
 - Appropriate use of materials to enhance story
3. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence with the judges will be entertained.