



# Instructions for Submitting Your Entry

Polish up your reflective writing skills and write a letter to an author—living or dead—explaining how his or her work changed your view of yourself or the world. **Read the Official Rules available at [oklahoma.gov/libraries/my-fav-book](http://oklahoma.gov/libraries/my-fav-book).**

## How to enter!

Select a fiction or nonfiction book, short story, or essay that you have read and about which you have strong feelings. Imagine sitting down with the author of this work and sharing your personal thoughts. Your letter should be personal and sincere, more like a private conversation rather than book report or a fan letter.

Share specific details both about the work and about your reaction to the work. Write honestly and from your own perspective.

Keep in mind that this is a reflective writing contest. Think about what you read and the meaning you gleaned from the author's words.

You will enter one of **three competition levels**:

Level 1—**Grades 4–6** • Level 2—**Grades 7–8** • or Level 3—**Grades 9–12**

**Type your letter**, which must use **at least 400 words** and **no more than 800 words**. All letter elements (see below) are included in the total word count.

Make sure your letter includes a **date, greeting, body, closing salutation, and your name or signature**. **Do not include a return address on your letter.**

**If you are younger than the age of 18** (as of October 2, 2023), you must obtain, complete, and upload a **permission form hand-signed by a parent or legal guardian** to be eligible for entry. The permission form is available at [oklahoma.gov/libraries/my-fav-book](http://oklahoma.gov/libraries/my-fav-book).

**Submit your typed letter via the *My Favorite Book* online submission platform.** Links to each age group can be found at [oklahoma.gov/libraries/my-fav-book](http://oklahoma.gov/libraries/my-fav-book).

You can **upload your letter in doc, docx, pdf, jpg, and png formats**.

Remember to **complete all required information fields on the entry form** before submitting your letter online.

**Congratulations!** You have successfully submitted to the 2023–2024 *My Favorite Book* contest.

For **more submission details or questions**, please **consult the FAQ** available at [oklahoma.gov/libraries/my-fav-book](http://oklahoma.gov/libraries/my-fav-book).