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Ripple Foundation Opens 2026–2027 Kids Write 4 Kids Creative Writing Contest



Free national contest gives students in Grades 4–8 the chance to become published authors following a record 921 entries last year

TORONTO, ON — October 1, 2026 — Young writers across Canada have the chance to see their stories professionally published as books as Ripple Foundation opens its 2026–2027 Kids Write 4 Kids (KW4K) Creative Writing Contest.

The free national contest is open to eligible students in Grades 4–8 across Canada. Young writers can submit an original story for the opportunity to become a published author, with entries accepted until **March 31, 2027**.

Since launching in 2012, Kids Write 4 Kids has encouraged young writers to develop their creativity and confidence while giving them a platform to share their stories with readers beyond the classroom. Winning stories are professionally published in print and digital formats, with proceeds from book sales donated to the winners' charity of choice.

The 2025–2026 contest attracted a record **921 entries from students representing 558 schools across nine provinces and one territory**. Two Grade 6 students were selected as winners: Sophie Fifen of Fort St. John, British Columbia, for [A New Hope](#), and Daniel Liang of Richmond Hill, Ontario, for [The Spark of the Gliding Mind](#).

For Sophie, seeing her story become a published book showed her just how far a young writer's ideas can travel.

"Becoming a published author has taught me that my words can reach people in ways I never imagined. I hope my story inspires other young writers to believe in their ideas and have the courage to share them with the world," said Sophie Fitten, 2026 Kids Write 4 Kids winner.

Both 2026 winning stories have been published as books. Proceeds from Kids Write 4 Kids book sales in 2026 support SickKids Foundation, the charity selected by this year's winners.

Students interested in entering the 2026–2027 Kids Write 4 Kids contest can submit their original stories online. The contest is free to enter and open to eligible Canadian students in Grades 4–8.

Contest period: October 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027

Contest details and submissions: kidswrite4kids.ripplefoundation.ca

Meet the Authors

Hear directly from Kids Write 4 Kids winners about their writing journeys, their winning stories and what inspires them to write in Ripple Foundation's [Meet the Authors](#) video series on [YouTube](#).

About Ripple Foundation

Ripple Foundation is a 100% volunteer-run Canadian educational charity offering free programs designed to foster creativity, writing confidence and communication skills among children and youth. Its programs include the Kids Write 4 Kids creative writing contest, Write It creative writing workshops, Wave Blog and the Express Inspire Connect Youth Conference.

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