

Parent/Guardian Consent & Media Release Form

The Draftling — 2026 Launch Competition

About This Form

the draftling is an online publication celebrating the voices, perspectives, and creativity of young writers worldwide. Because your child is under the age of 18, we require your written consent to consider their entry for our global launch competition, publish their work, and celebrate their accomplishments.

Please read through the details below, complete the participant information, review the consent options, and sign the bottom of the form.

1. Participant & Parent/Guardian Information

Student (Participant) Details

- **Full Legal Name:** _____
- **Preferred / Pen Name (if different):** _____
- **Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):** ____ / ____ / ____
- **Age:** _____
- **City / Country:** _____
- **Title of Submitted Article/Piece(s):** _____

(If submitting multiple works, list all titles above)

Parent / Legal Guardian Details

- **Full Name:** _____
- **Relationship to Student:** _____
- **Email Address:** _____
- **Phone Number (with country code):** _____

Public Byline & Display Name Preference

How would you like the student's name to appear on the website and in promotional materials? *(Please check one option):*

- ☐ **Full Legal Name** (e.g., *Jane Doe*)
- ☐ **First Name and Last Initial Only** (e.g., *Jane D.*)
- ☐ **First Name Only** (e.g., *Jane*)

- ☐ **Pen Name / Pseudonym:** _____
(Write the exact name they wish to be credited as)

2. Scope of Consent & Media Release

Please review each statement below and check the boxes to grant permission:

- ☐ **Publication of Written Work**
I give permission for **the draftling** to publish, host, and feature my child's submitted written work (e.g., essays, articles, stories, or poetry) on the official website (thedraftling.com) and any related digital anthologies.
- ☐ **Attribution & Identity**
I permit **the draftling** to display my child's chosen name (full name or preferred pen name/first name only) and their age alongside their published work.
- ☐ **Promotion & Community Outreach**
I grant permission for **the draftling** to use excerpts, quotes, or highlights of my child's submitted writing, along with their chosen name, across promotional channels. This includes official social media pages (e.g., Instagram, LinkedIn), email newsletters, educational flyers, and competition announcements.

Optional Permission: Student Photograph / Headshot

(This section is entirely optional and will not affect the judging or selection of your child's entry.)

- ☐ **Photograph / Headshot Release (Optional)**
If I or my child choose to provide an author photograph/headshot, I grant permission for **the draftling** to publish it on the website and social media alongside winner announcements and author biographies.

3. Copyright & Intellectual Property

- **Ownership Remains with the Author:** Your child retains full, 100% original copyright and ownership of their submitted written work.
- **Non-Exclusive License:** By submitting an entry and signing this form, you grant **the draftling** a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to publish, display, distribute, and archive the work across our digital platforms and promotional channels.
- **Future Submissions:** Because this license is non-exclusive, your child remains free to publish, share, or submit their original piece elsewhere upon the conclusion of this competition in April 2027.

4. Safety & Privacy Commitment

We take youth digital safety and personal privacy seriously:

- **How We Use Your Information:** The information collected on this form and through competition submissions is used strictly to administer the competition, verify eligibility, evaluate and determine competition placements/winners, communicate important updates to parents and guardians, and publish credited works as authorized.
- **We Do Not Sell Your Data:** We do **not** sell, rent, monetize, or trade participant or parent personal information to third parties, advertisers, or marketing firms under any circumstances.
- **Private Information Protected:** Private contact and personal details—including home/physical address, direct phone numbers, personal email addresses, and exact date of birth—will never be publicly shared, posted, or displayed.
- **Pseudonym / Byline Option:** If you or your child prefer that only a first name or pen name be displayed publicly, your selection in Section 1 will be strictly respected.
- **Secure Handling:** All contact records and submitted information are stored securely and accessible only by authorized members of **the draftling** team.

5. Revocation of Consent & Questions

We believe in maintaining an open, supportive relationship with our writers and families. You have the right to update your preferences or revoke this consent at any time.

- **How to Contact Us:** To request a modification, update details, or withdraw your consent, please email us at **contact@thedraftling.com** with your child's name and the title of their submission.
- **Processing:** Upon receiving a withdrawal request in writing, we will remove the publication and associated media from our active website and future promotional materials within a reasonable timeframe (typically within 5–7 business days).

6. Parent / Guardian Acknowledgment & Signature

By signing below, I certify that:

1. I am the parent or legal guardian of the student named above.
2. I have the legal authority to grant consent on their behalf.
3. I have read, understood, and agreed to the terms outlined in this form.

Parent / Guardian Printed Name:

Parent / Guardian Signature:

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): ____ / ____ / ____

(A typed legal name or drawn digital signature returned directly from the parent/guardian email address listed above is accepted as a valid legal signature)