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Kansas Book Festival Writing Contest Announced

Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback announced today the start of the Kansas Book Festival Writing Contest. The contest begins now and runs through April 30, 2014. Winners will be contacted by July 31 and announced at the 2014 Kansas Book Festival on September 13 at the Kansas State Capitol. The contest is open to students in grades 3-12 in the state of Kansas.

“The writing contest is in its third year and is thriving as we see the talent level of our future Kansas authors continue to grow,” said Mary Brownback. “It is our hope that this writing contest will help spark a love for reading and writing among children across the state and inspire them to use writing as a creative outlet.”

The theme for this year’s contest is “My Journey on the Kansas Plains.” The theme asks students to think back to what life might have been like for their friends and family in the early years of Kansas’ statehood and to write a creative story depicting that life. There will be a first and second place winner in each grade level division, per congressional district. Divisions consist of the following: grades 3-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-12.

For more information about this contest or the Kansas Book Festival, scheduled for September 13, visit kansasbookfestival.com.