

## Helpful Hints to Getting Published

Print your story or poem on a computer or use your best handwriting. (Print--not cursive!) Be sure you include

- Your Name
- Address
- Grade
- Age
- Telephone number including your area code

Make a copy. Never send your original because you may not get it back.

Put your story/poem/art/ into a business-size envelope along with a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope - your librarian can help you with this!)

Address the envelope to the magazine of your choice, be sure you have enough postage on your envelope, then mail.

If you can't find a magazine's address, ask your librarian for help. Some magazines want you to email your stories/art/etc. So look to see how they want your work sent to them. It doesn't hurt to call them and ask, either.

While you are waiting for a response, begin your next story/poem/art/etc.

Go to your public library and ask to see "The Children's Writer's Market." This is a wonderful reference book filled with the names and addresses of publishers who publish student writing. In the back of this book is a section just for student writers. This section lists all the awards, contests, and college scholarships available to students for writing.

Remember, some magazine publishers are on the lookout for movie and CD reviews; illustrations; photographs; interviews with students who have overcome obstacles or are doing great things; and essays.

Look online to find online publishers of student work. But don't ever pay to get published. Be aware of scams and people out there who just want your money. Do research to make sure online publishers are real publishers and not just scams. When in doubt, ask your librarian or teacher for help.

Good luck – I believe in you — you can do it!