



Songwriting Contest Rules & Information

KidLinks' mission is to link kids to healing, hope and happiness through music and media. We are seeking NEW musical content that contains positive messages for youth ages 5-12. This is where YOU come in. Submit your original song to KidLinks' Songwriting Contest!

1. How to Enter

Contest is open from **March 30 - May 30, 2021**. Email submission to info@kidlinks.org and include your full name, email, address and phone number. Attach lyrics and song file or link to download. You may submit up to 3 compositions. We will not accept mail-in entries.

2. Eligibility

- The contest is open to songwriters who are 18 years of age or older on the date of song submission. Any entrant who is a minor in his or her jurisdiction of legal residence will be required to obtain and submit written permission from his or her parent or legal guardian to participate in the contest.
- Employees of KidLinks, their families, subsidiaries, and affiliates are not eligible.
- For the purposes of the competition, a song must have both lyrics and music. All submitted songs must be original, unpublished (or self-published) works.
- Co-writers are subject to the same eligibility criteria.
- Artists from anywhere in the world are eligible to enter.

3. Judging

All entries are judged on lyrics, musical composition and relevance to the overarching theme of one of the following:

Supporting Diversity

Promoting Community

Providing Encouragement

Winners will be announced June 4th. Winners will be notified via email and results will be posted on the KidLinks website and social media channels.

4. Prizes

The overall winner will receive \$500. The second and third place winners will receive \$250 and \$100 respectively. All winning songs will receive recognition on KidLinks' website and social media channels.

5. Submission Policy

By submitting to the Contest, entrants hereby grant to KidLinks a non-exclusive license to stream and transmit your songs on KidLinks' website and social media channels. Entrants retain all publishing rights to your song(s).

About KidLinks:

KidLinks is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides healing, hope and happiness for children and families through therapeutic music entertainment and music therapy programs and resources. For well over three decades, impacting more than 385,000 children and caregivers, KidLinks has provided healing experiences for children with special needs through performing arts and media, therapeutic music initiatives, university-level music therapy training and free/low cost treatment programs. When in-person hospital visits and music therapy sessions were no longer possible due to the onset of COVID-19, the support received from generous donors and granting organizations who have stepped up over the years helped to ensure KidLinks was able to quickly adapt to the rapidly changing environment and transform our direct services into virtual offerings including Telehealth music therapy, "at-home" live streaming, virtual therapeutic music performances, and engaging media designed to build social-emotional learning skills, KidLinks remains committed to meeting the needs of hospitalized and homebound children, and providing safe and fun digital experiences for families and caregivers. For more information, please visit www.KidLinks.org, or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).