



To parents/ guardians,

This year, your student's class is participating in National Novel Writing Month's Young Writers Program. We're seeking your permission to provide and manage a Young Writers Program (YWP) account for your student.

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, empowering approach to creative writing. Students are challenged to draft an entire novel in just one month. On the YWP site, they can access noveling resources, write in a youth-friendly writing space with goal-tracking tools, and participate in an online class with their teacher and peers. Each year, around 100,000 teachers and educators around the world use the YWP website. To find out more about the program, visit [ywp.nanowrimo.org](http://ywp.nanowrimo.org).

The notice below provides answers to common questions about what National Novel Writing Month can and can't do with your student's personal information, including what personal information they collect and how they use it.

Please read it carefully, let us know of any questions, and then sign below to indicate that you've read the notice and give your consent. If you don't provide your consent, we will not create a YWP account for your student. In this case, they will have to write in a separate space and won't be a part of the online classroom, and won't be able to access the goal-tracking tools.

I give permission for [insert name of school/district] to create/ maintain a NaNoWriMo Young Writers Program account for my student, and for NaNoWriMo to collect, use, and disclose information about my child only for the purposes described in the notice below.

Thank you,  
[Insert name]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Full name of student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## NaNoWriMo Privacy Notice

For our complete privacy policy, visit: <https://ywp.nanowrimo.org/pages/privacy>

National Novel Writing Month takes your privacy seriously. We make every reasonable effort to keep your account secure and your personal information private.

We also make every reasonable effort to comply with the [Children’s Online Privacy Protection Rule](#) (“COPPA”), and we collect and display information differently for young writers under 13 years of age. We're proud signers of the [Student Privacy Pledge](#) and the [California Student Data Privacy Agreement](#) ("CSDPA").

<p><b>What We Collect (Under-13 Writers)</b></p> <p>The YWP website collects the following information upon registration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Username</li><li>• First name</li><li>• Birthdate</li><li>• Parent or guardian email address (optional if you sign up with an educator's classroom code)</li><li>• Password</li><li>• Security question answers</li></ul> <p>You have the option to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avatar graphic</li><li>• Non-identifying profile information (e.g., favorites and interests)</li><li>• Novel information</li></ul> <p>You can access, edit, and delete this information any time via your <a href="#">Profile &amp; Settings</a>.</p>	<p><b>What We Collect (13 and Older Writers)</b></p> <p>The YWP website collects the following information upon registration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Username</li><li>• First name</li><li>• Birthdate</li><li>• Email address (optional if you sign up with an educator's classroom code)</li><li>• Password</li><li>• Security question answers</li></ul> <p>You have the option to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Avatar graphic</li><li>• Non-identifying profile information (e.g., favorites and interests)</li><li>• Novel information</li></ul> <p>You can access, edit, and delete this information any time via your <a href="#">Profile &amp; Settings</a>.</p>
<p><b>What We Display (Under-13 Users)</b></p> <p>The YWP website displays your profile information only to your educator(s) and other members of your classroom. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Username</li><li>• Avatar graphic</li><li>• Non-identifying profile information (e.g., favorites and interests)</li><li>• Novel information</li></ul> <p>Your profile information cannot be searched or found otherwise, except by site administrators. The YWP website does not allow under-13 users to post in forums.</p>	<p><b>What We Display (13 and Older Users)</b></p> <p>The YWP website displays your profile information to other users. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Username</li><li>• Avatar graphic</li><li>• Non-identifying profile information (e.g., favorites and interests)</li><li>• Novel information</li></ul> <p>Your profile information can be accessed by other users via your forum and classroom posts. It cannot be searched or found otherwise, except by site administrators. Teachers can block their students from accessing the forums.</p>

## What We Don't Collect (or Allow)

The YWP website does not, and will never, collect the following:

- Last name
- Physical address
- Telephone number
- Social security number
- Geolocation information

We also do not allow users to share these, or any other information that may be personally identifying, via their profiles or forum posts.

## IP Addresses and Cookies

The YWP website collects IP addresses and uses browser cookies. We use these only to help you interact with the site, not to gather any further personal information.

## What We (Don't) Share

National Novel Writing Month will not share any of your information with third parties, unless it is necessary for safety or legal purposes.

In the event that National Novel Writing Month is involved in a merger, acquisition, bankruptcy, change of control, or any form of sale of some or all of our assets, your personal information may be transferred or disclosed in connection with such business transaction. If the transaction involves the transfer Personal Information to a third party, we will require the new owner to continue to honor the terms provided in this Privacy Policy, or we will provide you with notice and an opportunity to opt-out of the transfer by deleting Personal Information before the transfer occurs.

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