

Scenario Writing

Scenario Writing Requirements

The Scenario Writing component is a wonderful opportunity for New York State students to participate in an annual essay competition where students write fictional short stories related to one of the annual topics.

Participants write one essay for submission into the State Conference. The top 3 winners within their divisions at the State Conference will advance onto the International Scenario Writing Competition (ISWC). At the international stage, the top New York State entries will be evaluated against submissions from across the United States as well as those from other countries.

Students will receive evaluation feedback on their writing and the skills developed in participation in this component align to national education standards. Participants can leverage the evaluation feedback to improve their writing skills.

Scenario Detail Requirements:

Word Limit	Submissions with words exceeding the word limit of 1500 will be removed from the end of the scenario by NYFPS and not provided to evaluators. Titles are not included in word count.
Scenario Title	The title must clearly appear at the top of the first page of scenario (header).
Font	Must be in 12 point font size. Font type must be a common font (i.e. Arial, Calibri, or Times New Roman).
Author	Submissions must be written by a single author.
Edits/Revisions	No edits after submission. Identical versions advance to ISWC.
Identification	No identifying information such as an author's name or school name may appear in the body of the scenario document.
Language	All scenarios must be submitted in English for evaluation
Topic Relation	The scenario must have a recognizable relationship to one of the annual topics, which should be obvious to the reader. Descriptors for the topics can be found on nyfps.org/topics .

Scenario Content

A scenario is a story that might take place as a logical outgrowth of actions or events that took place earlier. It is a prediction of the future and must be written as though the future were the present.

Futuristic concepts and trends are incorporated into the scenario, but a specific date is not required.

Additional Submission Requirements:

- Scenario must be submitted with two versions. The versions must be in Word (.docx) and PDF formats.
- Submissions must include the Official International Scenario Writing Cover Sheet.
- Participants complete the Publication Release & Statement of Authenticity form and include with their submissions.

