

What is Tristar Reads?



Tristar Reads is an annual contest designed to encourage children across the Volunteer State to read for at least 20 minutes a day during the summer break. The program runs from May 1, 2017 through September 1, 2017 and is open to all Tennessee students in kindergarten through 12th grade. To participate in Tristar Reads, students must register at www.tristarreads.com and log their reading hours.

How are contest winners recognized?

Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the students who read the most hours over the course of the summer. Tristar Reads will award a scholarship to one elementary school (K–5th grade) student, one middle school student (6th–8th grade), and one high school student (9th–12th grade). Scholarship awards will be deposited directly into each student’s 529 college savings account (more information on 529 college savings accounts is available at www.tnstars.com); no cash will be awarded.

How do students sign up to participate in Tristar Reads?

Students must register to participate at www.tristarreads.com. Students under the age of 13 must have a parent or legal guardian’s permission to participate in the program and agree to the terms and conditions.

How do students log their hours?

After registering for the contest, students can log their reading hours online at www.tristarreads.com. Simply visit the site and click the “Returning Reader: Log My Hours” button. You will then be directed to a form where you will be asked to enter your name, email address, and the total hours spent reading. You may also be asked to provide a list of the books you read.

How often do students need to log their hours?

Students can choose to log their hours as often as they would like – daily, weekly, monthly, or even all at once at the end of the summer. It is important that students also keep track of the books they read and share that information when logging their hours.

What if a student can’t access the website regularly to log hours?

Once a student has registered for the program through the website, he or she can choose keep a written list of reading hours and the books read. At the end of the summer, the student can either scan and email the reading log to info@tristarreads.com, or send their reading log through the U.S. Postal Service to Tristar Reads, P.O. Box 198183, Nashville TN 37219. A printable log sheet is available at www.tristarreads.com.

Why is reading during the summer so important?

Summer is about fun, but so is reading. Reading 20 minutes a day introduces kids to 1.8 million words a year. It takes them on adventures and helps them meet new friends. Plus, reading 20 minutes a day helps keep reading comprehension skills sharp and focused for the next school year.

Are there any Tristar Reads events planned this summer?

Across the state, Tristar Reads will host children's story time events with fun activities, celebrity readers, and more. Check out our Facebook (www.facebook.com/tristarreads) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/tristarreads) feeds for details.

Where do I find out more information?

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