

STUDENT POETRY CONTEST
POETRY SOCIETY OF TENNESSEE

High School Division (Grades 9-12) Free Verse Poem — postmark deadline December 20th 2022

Middle School Division (Grades 6-8) Free Verse Poem— postmark deadline December 13th 2022

Elementary Division (Grades 2-5) Any Poem Form — postmark deadline February 18th 2023

Contest Awards: 1st place \$25, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$15, 4th \$10, & 5th \$5.

Winners will be announced on the Poetry Society website www.poetrytennessee.org/contests in the spring.

Contest Guidelines

1. The competition is open to all Tennessee students in grades 2-12. Public, private, and home school students are eligible. Each student may submit only one poem. Non-Tennessee residents may compete by joining the Poetry Society of Tennessee as Student Members. www.poetrytennessee.org/membership.html

2. Formatting: Entries must follow the guidelines for their poems to be considered in the competition.

Your poem should be formatted as follows: single spaced, typed in Times News Roman font size 12

Your poem must not be longer than 35 lines (including line breaks between stanzas).

No line may have more than 60 characters (including spaces and punctuation).

Your poem must fit on a single sheet.

Your poem must have a title.

Do not include any illustrations or pictures.

3. Submit two copies of your poem for judging purposes.

Copy #1 (the “information” copy) must follow the example below.

The following information must be written on the top left corner of the paper above the poem.

division (elementary, middle, or high school)

student’s first & last name

student’s grade

name of school

school street address

teacher’s prefix (Mr/Ms) & first & last name

teacher’s email

The following statement should be typed and signed on the bottom of Copy #1 (the “information” copy):

I certify that this poem is my original work and has not been copied in whole or part from any authors’ poems published in print or on the Internet.

Signed: _____

Copy #2 (the “poem only” copy) must only include the “division” (elementary, middle, or high school) in the top left corner of the paper above the poem.

4. Teacher Submission Instructions

Student work will not be returned.

Do not staple Copy #1 and Copy #2 together.

All poems must be postmarked by the date noted in instructions for respective contest.

Mail entries to the following address:

Attn: Seth Grindstaff
220 Sunny Slopes Dr.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

Example Copy #1

division (elementary, middle, or high school)

student's first & last name

student's grade

name of school

school street address

teacher's prefix (Mr/Ms) & first & last name

teacher's email

Poem Title

Poem Stanzas...

I certify that this poem is my original work and has not been copied in whole or part from any authors' poems published in print or on the Internet.

Signed: _____

Example Copy #2

division (elementary, middle, or high school)

Poem title

Poem stanzas...