

2023 Poetry Contest Rules and Entry Form

Rules

1. Poets must be in grades 1 through 12. There are no residency requirements.
2. Each poem **MUST** be submitted online, accompanied by an entry form with contact information.
3. Poems must be turned in **online** at friscolibrary.com/poetry-contest by 11:59PM on **April 21, 2023**.
4. There is no theme; all appropriate subject matters welcome.

Frequently Asked Questions

How are winners chosen?

Potential finalists from each grade are sent to this year's judge, Dorthy LaVerne McCarthy. She will select one winner from each grade for a total of twelve equal winners.

What are the prizes?

Winners will receive a certificate and a keepsake book containing all the winning poems and will have the opportunity to recite their poem at a poetry reception (not required).

What happens once I have submitted my poem?

Once the poem is submitted to us, we cannot return it. All entries must be submitted **online** at friscolibrary.com/poetrycontest. Please verify your contact information is correct **BEFORE** you submit your entry. We will not be able to verify or change contact information once an entry is submitted. Due to the high volume, we are unable to personally return phone calls and/or emails regarding the poetry contest.

How/When will I be notified if I've won?

Winners will be notified via email by May 5, 2023. The library will contact you via the email address you provide. If a valid email address isn't provided, we will be unable to contact you and your entry will be disqualified. Due to volume of entries, if you are not selected as a winner, you will not be notified.

How many poems can I submit?

You may submit up to 3 poems; however, each poem must be submitted individually with **COMPLETE** contact information. No bulk submissions. Any poem over the limit of 3 will not be considered. Poems submitted without a complete entry form will be automatically disqualified.

