

# 2026 Poetry Contest Rules and FAQs

## 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 [fricolibrary.com/poetry-contest](http://fricolibrary.com/poetry-contest) by 11:59PM on **April 20, 2026**.
4. There is no theme; all appropriate subject matters welcome.
5. Poems must be original work written solely by the entrant.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How are winners chosen?

Potential finalists from each grade are sent to this year's judge. They 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 or make changes on your behalf. All entries must be submitted **online** at [fricolibrary.com/poetrycontest](http://fricolibrary.com/poetrycontest). Please proofread your poem and verify that 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 and any runners-up will be notified via email by May 8, 2026. 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 or as a runner-up, 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.

### I am a teacher, and I want to submit my class's entries on their behalf. What should I do?

Thank you for having your class participate! Please email [FPLYouthWriters@friscotexas.gov](mailto:FPLYouthWriters@friscotexas.gov) for instructions on submitting bulk entries.