



POETS' ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS

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2017 Arkansas State Fair Poetry Contests

Sponsored by Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA)

Entry Instructions

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PRA is partnering with the 2017 Arkansas State Fair to sponsor the "Best of Show" poetry winners in 4 age groups. Entry is free for all Arkansas residents.

Prizes: In addition to any winnings offered by the State Fair, PRA will award the following prizes to the overall "Best of Show" poetry winners: \$25/Adult (age 19+), \$25/Senior Youth (14-18), \$15/Junior Youth (9-13) and \$10/Youth (5-8). The adult winner also will receive a 1-year PRA membership.

Entry Form: Complete the attached entry form listing each poem title, division number and class code. Poetry Division numbers are: Adult-167, Senior Youth-267, Junior Youth-367, and Youth-461. Poetry class codes, subjects, line limits and poetry forms are the same across all age groups. See list below.

<u>CLASS – SUBJECT</u>	<u>– LINE LIMIT</u>	<u>– POETRY FORM</u>
Class 01 – Nature	– 24 lines	– Free Verse
Class 02 – My Life on the Farm	– 24 lines	– Free Verse
Class 03 – My Day at the Fair	– 24 lines	– Free Verse
Class 04 – Wild Card – Any subject	– 24 lines	– Any form

Instructions: Enter only one poem in each class. In the upper left corner of each poem, put the division number, class number and name of contest. To accommodate blind judging, **DO NOT** put your name or address on the poem. That information will be on the entry form that must accompany the poems. No entries will be returned.

Deadlines: All poems must be mailed together with a completed entry form in one envelope to arrive no later than September 29th. Or entries may be hand delivered to the fair from September 30 - October 7, between 10AM-6PM. Submit mailings or hand deliveries to:

Arkansas State Fair – Creative Arts
2600 Howard Street
Little Rock, AR 72206
Attn: Deb Crow – Competitive Events Administrator

NOTE: The fair normally requires hand delivery of all entries in the creative arts. However, the fair will accept mailed entries for the poetry contests. If you have questions feel free to call the State Fair staff at 501-372-8341. Or see details at the State Fair's website: <http://www.arkansasstatefair.com/events/2017/creative-arts-information>, with links to the fair's *Creative Arts General Rules, Schedule, Entry Form, and instruction Handbooks* for each age group.

Winnings: Winners will be announced at the fair October 12-22, and posted on PRA's website. Prizes will be mailed after the fair closes. PRA also will submit press releases for each "Best of Show" winner to their home town newspaper, with pictures if provided. Please remember to include your email address on the entry form to receive prompt notice if you are the Best-of-Show winner.

