

Spring 2020 Annual Poetry Contests for Middle and High School Students

Poet' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA), founded on February 5, 1931, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of poetry in the community and to secure a fuller recognition of the works of contemporary poets in the state of Arkansas. PRA is an affiliate member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS). NFSPS is also a non-profit organization focusing on "the importance of poetry with respect to national cultural heritage."

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SYBIL NASH ABRAMS MEMORIAL STUDENT CONTEST
POETRY CONTESTS FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS
GRADES 6 - 8 (JUNIOR DIVISION) • GRADES 9 - 12 (SENIOR DIVISION)

No entry fee • Any subject, free verse, 24 line limit (does not include space lines)

Rules:

1. **Deadline: March 1, 2020**(Postmark) • *Please do not submit entries before January 1, 2020*
2. **Awards for Senior Division:** First - \$50; Second - \$30; Third - \$20; Three Honorable Mentions - receive books. • **Awards for Junior Division:** First - \$30; Second - \$15; Third - \$10; Three Honorable Mentions - receive books.
3. **Student may submit one poem only (two copies).** Poem is to be typed. There should be no large or unusual fonts or illustrations. Times New Roman is the suggested font. No font larger than 12 point should be used. Poem must be student's original work: published or unpublished; prized or un-prized. No poem will be returned. Be sure to keep a copy.
4. On one copy only, on top left side, 10 font, list Contest name (SNA Senior Division or SNA Junior Division), student's name, complete mailing address, telephone number, age, grade, teacher's name and e-mail address, and school. **On this same copy, student must certify his/her poem by writing:** *My poem has not been copied in whole or part from another author's work, including poems on the Internet.* **Sign your name.** Put no identification on the second copy.
5. Mail to Laura Bridges / Student Co-Chairman / 2401 Lakeview Road #1008, North Little Rock, AR 72116. **On the envelope, write Sybil Nash Abrams.**
6. Winners will be contacted early April and invited to attend the 2020 Dr. Lily Peter Spring Celebration. A list of winners will be posted on poetsroundtableofar.org immediately after the conference in April.

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Manningham Trust Student Poetry Contest

2020 Annual Competition

Sponsored by National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

1. There are two divisions: Grade 6-8 (Junior Division) and Grades 9-12 (Senior Division). Each state may submit ten (10) poems in each division. Poems may have been printed and/or have won previous awards. Contests at state level may have occurred anytime in 2019 or 2020.

2. The competition is open to all USA students in grades 6 – 12. Public, private, and homeschools are eligible for entry by individual NFSPS member states.

3. Submit two copies of each poem. Put the division (junior or senior) in the upper left corner of both copies. One copy must have student's ID in upper right corner. The ID information is student name, school name and address, student grade level, and the student's language arts/English teacher's name. The second copy must not have ID information. Do not send a copy with any other marking - there should be no indication of prior award granted by the state.

4. Each poem must be neatly typed or computer-generated, and have no more than 35 lines including space lines with no line having more than 60 characters including spaces and punctuation. Every poem entered should appear on a single sheet. Do not staple the two copies of the poem together. It is suggested that each state representative keep a copy of poems entered.

5. There should be no large or unusual fonts or illustrations. Times New Roman is the suggested font. No font larger than 12 point should be used. Winning poems are scanned for the award anthology and large and/or unusual fonts impede the process. Larger fonts also make it impossible to confine the poem to one page, which is required.

6. Each entrant must make a declaration of originality. The statement should appear on the bottom of the ID copy only. The form below is acceptable:

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

Signed: _____

8. Entries must be received by February 1, 2020.

9. Mail to Laura Bridges, Arkansas Student Co-Chairman, 2401 Lakeview Road #1008, North Little Rock, AR 72116

Ten prizes will be awarded in each division: First Place - \$75, Second Place - \$50, Third Place - \$40, Fourth Place - \$35, Fifth Place - \$30, and five Honorable Mentions - \$10 each. All winning poems will be published in the Manningham Trust Poetry Student Award Anthology. Winners will receive complimentary copies. The schools of each winning student will receive a complimentary copy for the school library. Notice of winners' report will be sent to each state's Manningham (Youth) Chair by May 20, 2020. Awards (certificates, checks, anthologies) will also be mailed to the state chairperson. Each state is responsible for distributing prizes to winners and winning schools. The top winning poems will be read to NFSPS members at the Convention held in June 2020.

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Subject: *Any*. Form: *Any*, 32 line limit.

1st Prize: \$50, 2nd Prize: \$30, 3rd Prize: \$20, 7 Honorable Mentions: \$5 each. **No entry fee required.** *Open only to students in Grades 9 through 12. Include grade with name and summer mailing address or email address on second copy only.*

How to submit poems:

- a. Send **two** clear copies of the poem, typed, photocopied, or computer-generated, on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper (no onionskin or tissue) in black ink, **single-spaced**. If poem is over one page, staple together all pages of each copy. NFSPS requires Times Roman 12pt font.
- b. On **both** copies, place number and name of contest in upper **left** corner. (#50 Student Award)
- c. On **second copy only**, put name and address, phone number, and E-mail address of poet in upper **right** corner. If a poem is over one page, number pages also on upper right corner (both copies).

Mail all entries at one time, unfolded, in a large envelope. Mail to the Contest Chair by First Class, Priority Mail or any form of delivery that does NOT require a signature upon receipt.

Mail Entries to:

Carla Jordan, Contest Chairman
P.O. Box 2863
Evergreen, CO 80437-2863

All entries received with postage due will be returned for proper postage.

NFSPS, Inc. will not assume mailing costs and will NOT be responsible for any entries lost or delayed in the mail. This is a national contest and will be judged by a national judge. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2020. They may not be postmarked before January 1, 2020.