



# POETS' ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS

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## 2024 Pat Laster Collegiate Poetry Contest

Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA) is a statewide, non-profit organization established in 1931. It is the oldest poetry organization in the state dedicated to the study of poetry and the encouragement of poets. PRA participates in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS).

PRA is again sponsoring a college student poetry contest. We are promoting this contest to students across the state. THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE. This contest will award the top three winners a total of one thousand dollars (1<sup>st</sup>--\$500, 2<sup>nd</sup>--\$300, and 3<sup>rd</sup>--\$200). Materials are attached and posted on PRA's website.

Information about PRA and this contest can be found at [poetsroundtableofarkansas.org](http://poetsroundtableofarkansas.org). Or you may contact PRA President John McPherson, at [mcpherson8391@gmail.com](mailto:mcpherson8391@gmail.com) or Collegiate Poetry Contest Chair, Karen Moulton at [jkmoultons@yahoo.com](mailto:jkmoultons@yahoo.com).



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## 2024 Pat Laster Collegiate Poetry Contest

Attention Arkansas Collegians: Do you write poetry? You could win \$500. Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas is pleased to announce the 2024 Pat Laster Collegiate Poetry Contest, open to all Arkansas college students ages 18-25. There is NO ENTRY FEE.

Entries will be accepted beginning January 1, 2024.

**Form:** Free Verse

**Line Limit:** No more than 40 lines

**Postmark or Email Deadline:** March 15, 2024

**Awards:** First Place \$500, Second Place \$300, Third Place \$200

For more information and complete rules, visit [postsroundtableofarkansas.org](https://postsroundtableofarkansas.org)

# 2024 Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas Collegiate Contest

## CONTEST GUIDELINES

**WHO:** Arkansas college students, ages 18-25, are invited to participate in PRA's statewide poetry contest for college poets. Applicants must currently be enrolled in Arkansas colleges or universities. The March 15, 2024 postmark/email deadline will be used as the qualifying date for the age requirement.

**WHAT:** Students may choose any subject for the poem. Please submit one entry per poet in Free Verse form, within 40 lines. Vulgar language will be disqualified.

**WHERE:** Winners will be invited to receive their awards during PRA's Dr. Lily Peter Spring Celebration in April 2024 where winners will receive their checks.

**HOW:** Prizes will be awarded for: 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$300, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$200. Judges' decisions will be final. Winners' qualifications will be verified before prizes are awarded.

**RULES:** No entry fee required. Students, ages 18-25, currently enrolled in Arkansas colleges or universities may enter one poem between January 1, 2024 and March 15, 2024 (postmark/email deadline). Entries must include a completed contest entry form and proof of age (driver's license or other official document showing birthdate). Poem Subject-Any; Form-Free Verse; Line Limit-40; Font-Times New Roman (size 12). Send two copies of the poem: one with no identifying information; one with name/address/email in the top right corner. Poems will not be returned. Incomplete submissions will be disqualified. By submitting a poem, you are declaring that it is your own original work. Plagiarism will be disqualified.

**Email complete submissions to: [jkmoultons@yahoo.com](mailto:jkmoultons@yahoo.com)**

**Subject line of email should be: Pat Laster CPC Entry**

Send the two poetry documents as attachments. Entry Form and Proof of Identification may be scanned and attached.

**Or mail complete submissions to:**

Karen Moulton, Collegiate Contest Chair,  
2234 Marion County 7055  
Flippin, AR 72634

For questions, contact Karen at 360-527-5831 or [jkmoultons@yahoo.com](mailto:jkmoultons@yahoo.com)

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## CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Poem: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your level of interest in poetry and poetry organizations? Mark all that apply.

- Reading Poetry     Sharing my poetry     Learning more about poetry  
 Discussion of poetry     Poetry critiques     Networking with other poets  
 Poetry contests     Guest speakers     Workshops     Publishing my poetry

Would you be interested in joining or forming a PRA branch at your school?  Yes  No

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### **Be sure to include:**

- Complete Contest Entry Form  
 Two copies of your poem -- one with contact info in the upper right; one without it  
 Proof of age 18-25 at time of contest deadline. Photocopy of one:  
 College ID (if birthdate is on it)     Driver's License     State Issued ID  
 Birth Certificate     Other official document showing birthdate

### **Read the Contest Guidelines for complete contest rules.**

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