



22nd Annual

NATIONAL STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

ENTRY DEADLINE IS APRIL 30th

\$500.00 GRAND PRIZE

4 DIVISIONS

GRADES 3-5 GRADES 8-9
GRADES 6-7 GRADES 10-12

36 PRIZES NO ENTRY FEE

Each student may submit **ONE** poem, via our **INSTANT ONLINE ENTRY FORM** at www.libraryofpoetry.com or by mail with entry being typed rather than handwritten when possible. Poem must be **NO MORE THAN 20 LINES** on any subject, in any style except concrete (shape poems) or blackout, provided that the content of the poem is not vulgar or offensive, does not employ profanity, and is the original and individual work of the student. Sample topics include: Pride in America, friendship, feelings, nature, dreams, aspirations, or anything that inspires creativity. Mail entries to: "REVIEW COMMITTEE" c/o THE AMERICA LIBRARY OF POETRY, P.O. BOX 978 HOULTON, ME 04730. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in each division will be awarded a cash prize and certificate of achievement. One poem declared "EDITOR'S CHOICE" will win a \$500.00 Grand Prize. 12 Participation prizes will be drawn from all entries.

Submissions may be considered for publication by The America Library of Poetry. **ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE OR MAILED BY APRIL 30, 2018.**

Each mailed submission must include a copy of the cut out portion of the official entry form pictured here. **DO NOT RETURN THIS ENTIRE PAGE.**

TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE:

Photocopy friendly entry forms, student participation certificates, and Top Educator Award details are available online at WWW.LIBRARYOFPOETRY.COM To save on postage, all class or school entries with entry forms may be mailed together. For inquiries, deadline extensions, or a list of winners please visit our website. Sponsored by The America Library of Poetry. All rights reserved.

TOP EDUCATOR AWARDS

1 OF 10 LAPTOP COMPUTERS OR TABLETS
FOR PARTICIPATING TEACHERS

PRIZES JUST FOR ENTERING

(Random Drawings From All Submissions)
LAPTOP, TABLET, OR IPOD TOUCH
AFTER SCHOOL SHOPPING SPREE
1 OF 10 \$25.00 GIFT CARDS

SCHOOL WITH MOST ENTRIES WILL WIN

A NEW COMPUTER PACKAGE AND
"SPIRIT OF EDUCATION" TROPHY

CUT OUT AND RETURN THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(must be cut out and stapled to top left corner of poem)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Student's Mailing Address: _____ Apt# _____
(Do Not Use School Address)

Zip Code: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Poem Title: _____

Grade: _____ School Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Student's Email: _____

(For contact information regarding contest, winning entries, or publication)

January 22, 2018



Please make copies of this letter and the enclosed flyer and distribute to each teacher.

With a reminder that April is National Poetry Month, I just wanted to write this note of thanks for your school's continued participation in our National Student Poetry Contest. We have enjoyed reading past submissions and look forward to even more great examples of creative writing as we enter our 22nd season.

As our entry deadline coincides with the end of Poetry Month, we have noticed that many teachers have taken this opportunity to offer a class assignment in creative writing, and will send all of their students' work together in one package. Not only does this save on postage, but also facilitates expedited grading.

In recognition of the hard work and dedication shown by your teachers, we will once again present a total of 10 "Top Educator Awards." Any teacher who indicates full class participation on their submission form will be eligible for 1 of 10 new laptop computers or tablets and a "Certificate of Excellence" for framing.

Thanks again for your role in promoting literacy among today's students and tomorrow's leaders.

Sincerely,

Paul Wilson Charles
Editor

TEACHER SUBMISSION FORM

Teacher's First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

School's Mailing Address: _____

Zip Code: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

School Name: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

(For Top Educator Award Notification, Poetry Contest Winners, And Future Contest Information)

Grade Levels I Teach: _____

To be considered for a Top Educator Award, please check the appropriate boxes below:

- I Certify Full Class Participation Of All Students In # _____ Classes
- Partial Class Participation Of # _____ Classes