



2024 Youth Contest Opens February 15, 2024 Closes April 15, 2024

Rules

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THESE RULES TO ENSURE YOUR POEM IS INCLUDED IN THE CONTEST.

Open to all Arizona students, grades 1-12 with no entry fee for the contest. Poems can be on any topic with a limit of three submissions per person. Poems written in other than English must include an English translation. Please proofread your work thoroughly.

SUBMISSIONS: Email is preferred, but can be accepted through mail:

- **EMAIL:** attach a copy of the poem to your email. Do NOT put your name and address on the poem. In the body of your email, please enter the **Title of the poem with your name, address, school, grade/age, email & phone**.
- **MAIL:** enclose a copy of the poem, and a second sheet with the **Title of the poem with your name, address, school, grade/age, email & phone**. Do NOT put your name and address on the poem
- **Each entrant must make a declaration of originality.** Include the following statement in your submission email or on the second page with your name/address/age. Poems without this declaration will be disqualified.

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

Signed: _____

FORMAT: All poems should be typed (Times New Roman font, 12 pt) or hand printed very clearly.

- Poet's information should be clearly typed or printed in English only, **on 8 1/2 x11 plain white paper**, *without lines or illustrations*.
- Poems can have a **maximum of 40 lines per poem** and a **limit of 50 characters per line**. Spaces or breaks between stanzas will count as a line but poem title does not count as a line.

DEADLINE: Entries must be Emailed by midnight, **April 15, 2024, OR** postmarked by **April 15, 2024**.

EMAIL TO:

Grades 1-4: youthcontest1-4@azpoetry.net

Grades 5-8: youthcontest5-8@azpoetry.net

Grades 9-12: youthcontest9-12@azpoetry.net

OR MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Karen Morales, 2100 N 134th Ave, Goodyear AZ 85395

Dianne Brown, P.O. Box 1291, Wellton AZ 85356

CChristy White, 1145 E Kaler Dr, Phoenix AZ 85020

PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP (included): **First, Second, and Third place winners** -- To list name/school/city on our website and for the winning poem to appear in the ASPS *Sandcutters* anthology, the permission slip **MUST** be provided when winners are notified. Failure to provide the signed Permission Slip will result in disqualification of your submission(s).

Prize Awards: Cash prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third Place Winning Poems according to your grade bracket:

Grades 1-4

First Place \$30.00
Second Place \$20.00
Third Place \$10.00

Grades 5-8

First Place \$35.00
Second Place \$25.00
Third Place \$15.00

Grades 9-12

First Place \$50.00
Second Place \$30.00
Third Place \$20.00

Winning poems will appear in ASPS Anthology
of the Arizona State Poetry Society (ASPS), first rights only

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PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PERMISSION SLIP

Dear Parents,

This form will grant permission for your child to have their name, city/state, school name and poem title placed on the ASPS website at <https://AZpoetry.net> announcing the Winners and Honorable Mentions of our 2024 Arizona Youth Poetry Contest. Additionally, you grant permission for your child’s name, city/state, school name and the winning poem to appear in our annual anthology, titled *Sandcutters*, for which your child will receive a complimentary copy in late December.

By signing this form, you give permission and hold harmless the Arizona State Poetry Society and its Board of Directors from any and all liability.

Child’s name (please print clearly) _____

City/State of Residence _____

School _____ Grade _____

Parent’s Name (please print clearly) _____

Parent’s Signature _____

Date: _____

Thank you,

Kris Perry
ASPS Treasurer
krisperry.treas@azpoetry.net

For Those Who Place First, Second or Third in the Youth Contest

Please provide your mailing address so we can send your child’s complimentary copy of *Sandcutters* in late December as well as a telephone number and email, should we need to reach you. Additionally, we would like to send the winning prize money to you. Please let us know if you would prefer to receive a check and to whom it should be made payable. We can also send you the money via Zelle if you provide your Zelle email.

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Zelle Email: _____

____ Prefer to receive the payment as a check made payable to _____