## **Arizona State Poetry Society's 2025 Youth Contest Winners**

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1<sup>st</sup> Place – Only Springtime Knows 10 yrs, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Emi Kajiyama Holmes, Great Hearts Online, Chandler 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – BIRD Lucy Milne, Kyrene de la Mirada Leadership Academy, Chandler 9 yrs, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Words are Birds Reagan Gibson, Kyrene de la Estrella, Phoenix 9 yrs, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 1st Honorable Mention – Young VS Old 10 yrs, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Abigail Ward, Red Rock Elementary, Red Rock 2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention – My Nightmare Aidán Pedregó, Home schooled, Green Valley 10 yrs, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention – Fire Adaline, Burggraf, Madison Heights Elementary, Phoenix 10 yrs, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Judge's Choice – Life

Zoey Yang, BASIS Chandler Primary North, Chandler

## Congratulations to all the winners! We hope to see you

and your poetry in the 2026 contest!

9 yrs, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

## 5th-8th Grade

1 <sup>st</sup> Place – Pinky's Discount	
Eleanor Trusty, Home schooled, Chandler	13 yrs, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – Background Music	
Hannah Vu, Thunderbolt Middle School, Lake Havasu City	14 yrs, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – The Child to be Remembered	
Roshan Walia, Kyrene Altadena Middle School, Phoenix,	12 yrs, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
1 <sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention – Eternity	
Victor Rosenstein, Anasazi Elementary, Scottsdale	11 yrs, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
2 <sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention – Memories	
Dylan Schroff, Anasazi Elementary School, Scottsdale	11 yrs, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
3 <sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention – Life	
Radlee Paschen, Red Rock Elementary, Red Rock	10 yrs, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade

## 9th-12th Grade

1st Place – Instruction Manual				
Eleanor Howard, Coconino HS, Flagstaff	14 yrs, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place – I Remember You				
Ashley Bernal, Deer Valley HS, Glendale	15 yrs, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place – Lukewarm				
Khy'Renee McKnight, Madison Highland Prep, Phoenix	17 yrs, 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
1st Honorable Mention – The Man in the Sleek Black Coat				
Teagan Mead, Shadow Mountain HS, Phoenix	17 yrs, 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention – Ode to The Forest				
Annalise Bennett, Notre Dame Prep HS, Scottsdale	15 yrs, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention – American Funeral				
Lia Rothman, Madison Highland Prep, Phoenix	16 yrs, 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade			