

POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS STUDENT AWARDS 2012

SEND POEMS TO

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RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING STUDENT CONTESTS DOWNLOAD YOUR OWN COPY poetrysocietyoftexas.org

PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING CONTESTS

Entries must be prepared according to the rules and instructions listed here. **All entries must be received by MARCH 1, 2012.** Entries will be mailed to judges who will have the copy with no identification. Judges will select the top poems. The Poetry Society of Texas publishes first place winning poems in their anthology **STUDENT AWARD WINNERS 2012**, and selected poems may be entered in the Manningham Awards and Student Award of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc. (NFSPS). Winning poets will be notified. Questions regarding entries should be directed to: Budd Powell Mahan, 7059 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX 75254, 972-788-4944 or buddmahan@att.net

ELIGIBILITY OF POEMS

1. A poem must be the original work of the entrant.
2. A poem must be titled, or the contest chairperson will title it. Haiku are excepted.
3. A student may enter only one poem in each contest in which eligible.
4. A poem may be entered in only one contest.
5. A poem currently entered in any other contest may not be entered.
6. All poems must be written by a single student, unless exception is stated in the contest description.
7. A poem that has been published (including on Internet) or accepted for publication, except in school publications, may not be entered.
8. A poem may be no longer than 225 words or 28 lines unless shorter line length is stated.
9. Poems must be in English.
10. Entrant must be a student in a school in Texas. College students who are native Texans may enter regardless of school location.
11. No electronic submissions will be accepted.

PREPARATION OF ENTRIES

1. Submit 2 (two) typed (no unusual fonts, *Times Roman* recommended) or hand-printed copies on 8½"x11" white paper.
2. In the upper left corner of both copies place the number and name of the contest entered.
3. In the upper right corner on one copy only place the following information:

Name of Student
Street Address
City & Zip
Age & Grade
Name of School
Address
City & Zip
Teacher/Sponsor

[please designate Mr., Ms., and give teacher's first & last name.]

NOTE: A student may elect not to use his/her home address. A school address **MUST** appear on the identification page for the purpose of winner notification. The National Federation of State Poetry Societies and the Manningham Poetry Awards require this information. Winning poems with more than 50 characters per line may be edited to fit into the anthology.

4. Poems will not be returned to authors, and winners will be asked to bring a copy of their winning poem to the Student Awards Festival ceremony to be held in spring 2012.
5. **Do not** staple the poem copies together. The copy without identification goes to the judge.

TEACHERS. You may elect to send your students' poems in one envelope. Please sort poems by contest number.

Please include an E-mail address for contact purposes.

First, 2nd & 3rd Place winners receive a certificate. These winners are notified by mail and invited to read their winning poem(s) at the Student Awards Festival. Each winner attending will receive a copy of the anthology published by Poetry Society of Texas with recognition given to all winners, participating schools and their teacher sponsors. Additional copies are available for \$8.00 each.

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1. **THE HOLCOMB COLLEGE AWARD** (college/university students and college-bound grades 11-12)
Offered by J. Paul Holcomb, 17th President of PST, for a poem of 28 lines or fewer. Any form, any subject. First place winner will receive a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
2. **THE POETRY IN THE ARTS, INC. COLLEGE AWARD** (college/university students and college-bound grades 11-12)
Offered by Peggy Zuleika Lynch, Founder & Director of Poetry in the Arts, Inc. for a poem of 28 lines or fewer on any subject.
3. **THE LIFE IS GOOD PRIZE** (college/university students and college-bound grades 11-12)
Offered by L.D. Carter for a poem that **celebrates the joy of living**. Any form with no more than 28 lines. First place winner will receive a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
4. **THE EAKIN PRIZE** (college/university students and high school grades 11-12)
Offered in memory of Edwin M. Eakin by Budd Powell Mahan, for a poem of 28 lines or fewer, any subject/form.
5. **THE COURAGE AWARD** (college/university students and college-bound grades 11-12)
Offered by Charlotte Renk of Athens for a poem of 36 lines or fewer. Any form, any subject. First place winner will receive a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
6. **THE POETRY IN THE ARTS, INC. HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AWARD** (grades 11-12)
Offered by Peggy Zuleika Lynch, Founder & Director of Poetry in the Arts, Inc. for a poem of 28 lines or fewer on any subject.
7. **THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD** (grades 11-12)
Offered by PST President, Catherine L'Herisson of Garland for a poem on any subject, in any form, 28 lines or fewer.
8. **THE POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL AWARD** (grades 9-12)
Offered by Poetry Society of Texas for a poem of no more than 28 lines on any subject, any form.
9. **THE WHITNEY M. MONTGOMERY AWARD** (grades 9-12)
Established in the will of Estelle Stewart in memory of Whitney M. Montgomery, for the best poem on any subject and in any form. 28-line limit.
10. **THE SHADY HILL AWARD** (grades 9-12).
Offered by J. Paul Holcomb for the best poem of 28 lines or fewer about **environmental awareness**. First place winner will receive a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
11. **THE MILDRED VORPAHL BAASS & NANCY BAASS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AWARD** (grades 9-12)
Offered by mother and daughter, Mildred Vorpahl Baass, Poet Laureate of Texas, 1993-1994 & 1994-1995 and Nancy Baass, President of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc., 2008-2010, for the best poem on any subject, in any form. 28-line limit.
12. **THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE POETRY SOCIETIES, INC. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AWARD** (grades 9-12)
Offered by Nancy Baass, President of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc., 2008-2010, for the best poem on any subject, in any form. 28-line limit.
13. **THE CASTLE PRIZE** (grades 9-12).
Offered by Birma Castle of Beaumont, TX, for a poem of 28 lines or fewer, in any form, on the subject **"American Pride."**
14. **THE STODGHILL HIGH SCHOOL AWARD** (grades 9-12)
Offered by Pat Stodghill for a free verse poem on any subject. 28-line limit. First place winner will receive a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
15. **THE APPRECIATION PRIZE** (grades 9-12)
Offered by Linda Banks to honor Budd Powell Mahan for his dedication to The Poetry in Schools program. Any subject, any form, no more than 28 lines.
16. **THE ACORNS TO OAKS AWARD** (grades 9-12)
Offered by Jimmie L. Radliff for a poem of 28 lines or fewer/any form. **Subject: Conquering negatives with positive outlook.**
17. **THE DALLAS PRIZE** (grades 9-12)
Offered by Budd Powell Mahan for a poem on any subject and in any form, no more than 28 lines.
18. **THE VALERIE MARTIN BAILEY AWARD** (grades 9-12)
Offered by Valerie Martin Bailey for a poem on any subject and in any form, with 28 lines or fewer. First place winner also receives a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
19. **THE POET'S NORTHWEST AWARD** (grades 9-12)
Offered by Poets Northwest of Houston for the best poem in any form with a limit of 28 lines. **Subject: Something that inspires**
20. **THE HELEN JONES PRIZE** (grades 9 -12)
Offered by Christine Henderson of Searcy, Arkansas to honor gifted poet and dedicated teacher, Helen Jones of Fort Worth. Helen taught Language Arts at Paschal High School until her death in 2009. Any subject, any form, limit of 28 lines.
21. **THE BROOKS AWARD** (grades 9 -12)
Offered by John and Carol Brooks of Colleyville for a poem on any subject, and in any form, limit of 28 lines. First place winner will receive a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
22. **THE LIBERTY BELLE ANDERSON STRIVING POETS AWARD** (grades 9-12)
Offered by Yvonne R. Salami of Dallas for a poem of no more than 28 lines in any form. **Subject: Responsibility.** First place winner also receives a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
23. **THE HOLIDAY AWARD** (grades 6-12)
Offered by Peggy Wood for a poem, any form, about a holiday which is important, 28 line maximum.
24. **THE HONESTY/INTEGRITY AWARD** (grades 6-12)
Offered by Peggy Wood for a poem in any form addressing the subject of **honesty**. No more than 28 lines.
25. **THE MAHAN PRIZE** (grades 7-9).
Offered by Budd Powell Mahan for the best poem of 28 lines or fewer, any subject, any form.

26. **THE SIEGEL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AWARD** (grades 7-9)
Offered by Suzie Siegel in honor of her mother, Marcella Siegel, 15th President of the Poetry Society of Texas, for the best poem of 16 lines or fewer. Any subject, any form.
27. **THE RUTH E. REUTHER PRIZE** (grades 7-9)
Offered by Alma Grace Richardson in memory of her mother, Ruth E. Reuther, the 1987 Poet Laureate of Texas, Any form, on the subject **Texas**, 28 lines or fewer. First place winner also receives a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
28. **THE COSBY AWARD** (grades 7-9)
Offered by Shirley & Bob Cosby of Emory for a poem on any subject in any form, 28 lines or fewer.
29. **THE ANN MATTHEWS MOORHEAD PRIZE** (grades 7-9)
Offered to honor the memory of Anne Matthews Moorhead. Any subject in any form, 28 lines or fewer.
30. **THE YOU CAN DO IT AWARD** (grades 7-8)
Offered by Maxine B. Kohanski of Spring. Any subject, any form, 28 line-limit.
First place winner also receives a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
31. **THE UNITED DAY SCHOOL POETRY AWARD** (grades 7-8)
Offered by Hilda Trevino of Laredo. Any subject, 28 lines or fewer.
32. **THE POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARD** (grades 6-8)
Offered by Poetry Society of Texas for a poem of no more than 28 lines on any subject, any form.
33. **THE VAIDA STEWART MONTGOMERY AWARD** (grades 6-8)
Established in the will of Estelle Stewart in memory of Vaida Stewart Montgomery for the best poem any subject, any form, 28-line limit.
34. **THE PRESIDENTS PRIZE** (grades 6-8).
Offered by Budd Powell Mahan in honor of PST's Presidents, for a poem of 28 lines or fewer, any subject, any form.
35. **THE BEA LAND-PHOENIX CHAPTER AWARD** (grades 6-8)
Offered by the Bea Land-Phoenix Chapter of Garland for a poem on any subject, any form, 28-line limit.
36. **WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME AWARD** (grades 6-8)
Offered by Evelyn Corry Appelbee of Henderson. Any form, 28 lines or fewer. **Subject: What America Means to Me.**
37. **THE MAAHS AWARD** (grades 6-8)
Offered by Harvey & Iris Maahs, San Antonio. Any form, any subject, 28 lines or fewer. First place winner also receives a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
38. **THE ZEPHYRUS PRIZE** (grades 6-8)
Offered by Budd Powell Mahan of Dallas for a poem on any subject and in any form, with 28 lines or fewer.
39. **THE GETTING TO KNOW YOU AWARD** (grades 6-8)
Offered by Harvey & Iris Maahs of San Antonio for a poem on any subject and in any form, with 28 lines or fewer.
40. **THE LIBERTY BELLE ANDERSON BUDDING POETS AWARD** (grades 6-8)
Offered by Yvonne R. Salami of Dallas for a poem in any form of no more than 28 lines. **Subject: Citizenship.** First place winner also receives a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
41. **THE STEPHANIE CRUMLEY MEMORIAL AWARD** (grades 6-8)
Offered by Barbara Berry to honor her niece, a former PST student award winner, who died at age 28. Any subject, any form, 28 lines or fewer.
42. **CHARLIE'S PRIZE** (grades 4-7)
Sponsored by Barbara and John Blanks, in honor of Charlie, the best dog ever. Any subject, any form, no more than 24 lines.
43. **THE ROBBY K. MITCHELL MEMORIAL AWARD** (grades 5-6).
Offered by Kay Merkel Boruff and Helen King in memory of their poet friend. A poem of 10 to 24 lines. **Subject: Friendship.**
44. **THE WICHITA FALLS UPPER ELEMENTARY AWARD** (grades 5-6)
Offered by The Wichita Falls Poetry Society. **Subject: When I grow up...** Any form, 28 lines or fewer. Don't use subject as title.
45. **THE FREDERICK J. MCCARTHY MEMORIAL AWARD** (grades 5-6)
Offered by Lavern McCarthy of Blair, Oklahoma for a poem on any subject, in any form. 28 line-limit. Prize includes a one-year membership in Poetry Society of Texas for the first place winner.
46. **THE 3 K's AWARD** (grades 5-6)
Offered by the Kohanskis of Spring, Texas. Any form, **Subject: Texas**, 28 line-limit.
First place winner also receives a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
47. **THE POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS UPPER ELEMENTARY AWARD** (grades 4-6)
Offered by Poetry Society of Texas for a poem of no more than 28 lines on any subject, any form.
48. **THE THELMA EVELYN BOYD AWARD** (grades 4-6)
Established in the will of Estelle Stewart in memory of Thelma Evelyn Boyd for a poem on any subject, any form, 28 line limit.
49. **THE FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY CONTEST** (grades 4-6)
Offered by the Ft. Worth Poetry Society, for a poem on any subject and in any form, 28-line limit.
50. **THE HILDA TREVINO POETRY AWARD** (grades 4-6)
Offered by Hilda Trevino of Laredo. Any subject, any form, 28 lines or fewer.
51. **THE JOAN M. VAUGHAN AWARD** (grades 5)
Offered by Zac & Josh Bonar of Garland for a free verse poem in any form with 28 lines or fewer.
52. **THE NIGHT CREATURES AWARD** (Grades 4 -5)
Offered by Barbara Green Powell of Beaumont for a poem of no more than 28 lines on the **Subject: Night Creatures.**
53. **THE LIBERTY BELLE ANDERSON GRASSROOTS POETS AWARD** (grades 3-5)
Offered by Yvonne R. Salami of Dallas for a poem of no more than 28 lines in any form. **Subject: Caring.** First place winner also receives a one-year student membership in Poetry Society of Texas.
54. **THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY STUDENT AWARD** (grade 4)
Given by Virginia Frey for a poem in any form, 28 lines or fewer. **Subject: A domestic or wild animal**

- 55. THE HOCKADAY LOWER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AWARD** (grades 3-4)
Offered by The Hockaday Lower School of Dallas for the best poem dealing with the **theme of environmental issues**. 28 lines maximum. Hockaday students may not enter.
- 56. THE POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS ELEMENTARY AWARD** (grades 1-3)
Offered by PST for a poem of no more than 12 lines on any subject and in any form.
- 57. THE GENEVIEVE BOYD STEWART AWARD** (grades 1-3)
Established in the will of Estelle Stewart in memory of Genevieve Boyd Stewart, for the best poem on any subject, in any form, 12-line limit.
- 58. THE MARION CRUME POETRY AWARD** (grades 1-3)
Offered by The Hockaday Lower School of Dallas for the best poem on any subject and in any form. 28 lines maximum. Hockaday students may not enter.
- 59. THE UNITED DAY ELEMENTARY POET AWARD** (grades 1-3)
Offered by Hilda Trevino of Laredo for a poem on any subject and in any form, not longer than 28 lines.
- 60. THE POETRY IN THE ARTS, INC. - FOUND POETS - AWARD** (grades K-3)
Offered by Peggy Zuleika Lynch, Founder & Director of Poetry in the Arts, Inc. for a poem cooperatively created by the students of a single class. The prize will be given to the entire class. The entry should be teacher assisted, but with a minimum of direction. No more than 18 lines. Any subject, any form.