



**2023 Youth Contest  
Opens March 1, 2023 -  
Closes April 30, 2023**

**Guidelines**

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

Open to all Arizona students, grades 1-12. **There is no entry fee for the contest.** Poems can be on any topic. Poems written in other than English must include an English translation.

**SUBMISSIONS preferred by email but can be accepted through the mail between 3/1/2023 & 4/30/2023:**

- **If emailing**, 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 along with your name, address, school, grade, and age.
- **If mailing**, enclose one copy of the poem, and a second copy of your poem with your name, address, school, grade, and age on it. Please proofread your work thoroughly.
- **Each entrant must make a declaration of originality.** Include the following statement in your submission email or on the second copy of your poem with your name/address/age.  
*"I certify that this poem is my original work and has not been copied in whole or part from any author's poems in print or posted on the Internet.*

*Signed:* \_\_\_\_\_

**FORMAT:** All submissions should be typed (Times New Roman font, 12 pt) **or** hand printed very clearly on **plain, white 8 ½ x11 white paper**, no illustrations..

- Poet's information should also be clearly typed or printed **in English**, no illustrations.
- Submissions have a **maximum of 42 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:** Mailed entries must be postmarked by **April 30, 2023.** OR Emailed by midnight, **April 30, 2023**

**EMAIL TO:** [AZPoetryOrg@gmail.com](mailto:AZPoetryOrg@gmail.com) **OR MAIL ENTRIES TO:**

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

<b>Grades 1-4</b>		<b>Grades 5-8</b>		<b>Grades 9-12</b>	
1st Place	\$30.00	1st Place	\$35.00	1st Place	\$50.00
2nd Place	\$20.00	2nd Place	\$25.00	2nd Place	\$30.00
3rd Place	\$10.00	3rd Place	\$15.00	3rd Place	\$20.00

Winning poems will appear in the 2023 Anthology of the Arizona State Poetry Society (ASPS), first rights only.

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