

POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS STUDENT AWARDS 2018

SEND POEMS TO

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RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING STUDENT CONTESTS

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PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING CONTESTS

Entries must be prepared according to the rules and instructions listed here. **All entries must be received by October 1, 2018**. 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 will publish first place winning poems in its A Book of the Year 2019. Selected poems will be entered in the Manningham Awards and Student Award of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc. (NFSPS). Winning poets will be notified and invited to the Annual Awards Banquet in November to read the winning poem. 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 ALL CAPS INDICATE RULES THAT ARE NEW OR RESULTED IN MANY DISQUALIFICATIONS IN 2018!

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 may be untitled.
3. A student may enter only one poem in each contest in which the student is eligible.
4. A poem may be entered in only one contest.
5. A poem currently entered in any contest sponsored by another group may not be entered.
6. All poems must be written by a single student.
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 28 LINES.
9. NO LINE IN THE POEM MAY HAVE MORE THAN 50 CHARACTERS INCLUDING SPACES.
10. THE ENTRY SHEET MUST BE A SINGLE SHEET AND SINGLE SPACED. THE ID SHEET MUST BE A SINGLE SHEET SINGLE SPACED. NO STAPLED SHEETS ACCEPTED.
11. Poems must be in English.
12. Entrant must be a student in a school in Texas. Public, private, and homeschool students are eligible. Students who are native Texans may enter regardless of school location.
13. No electronic submissions will be accepted.
12. Entries by an individual student may all be included in a single mailing, if self-entering.

PREPARATION OF ENTRIES

1. Submit 2 (two) typed (no unusual fonts, *Times New 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. The ID sheet: 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 if not previously disqualified for the infraction. .

4. Poems will not be returned to authors.

5. **Do not** staple the poem copies together. DO NOT separate the copy and ID. 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 and **include an E-mail address for contact purposes**.

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- 1. THE MONTGOMERY AWARD** (Grades 9-12 and college students)
Established in the will of Estelle Stewart to honor Whitney and Vaida Montgomery, Thelma Evelyn Boyd, and Genevieve Boyd Stewart. A poem of 28 lines or fewer on any subject.
- 2. THE EVELYN CORRY APPELBEE MEMORIAL PRIZE** (Grades 9-12 and college students)
Offered by Budd Mahan to honor Evelyn Appelbee. Any subject, any form with no more than 28 lines.
- 3. THE NAOMI STROUD SIMMONS MEMORIAL AWARD** (Grades 6-8)
Offered by the family of Naomi Stroud Simmons for a poem of 28 lines or fewer. Any form, any subject.
- 4. THE PAT AND DON R. STODGHILL AWARD** (Grades 6-8)
Offered by Aman Khan to honor PST's 10th and 14th Presidents, Pat and Don R. Stodghill. Any subject, any form with no more than 28 lines.
- 5. THE MARCELLA SIEGEL MEMORIAL AWARD** (Grades 6-8)
Offered by Barbara Blanks to honor the memory of PST's 15th president. A poem of no more than 28 lines on any subject.
- 6. THE KARLE WILSON BAKER MEMORIAL PRIZE** (Grades 4-5)
Offered by Patrick Marshall to honor one of the seven PST founders, Karle Wilson Baker, for a poem of 28 lines or fewer on any subject and in any form.
- 7. THE MILDRED VORPAHL BAASS MEMORIAL STUDENT AWARD** (Grades 4-5)
Offered by Nancy Baass to honor her mother, Poet Laureate of Texas, Mildred Vorpahl Baass who began writing poetry at the age of ten and never stopped being a poet, for the best rhyming poem on any subject, in any form. 28-line limit.
- 8. THE JOHN D. VAUGHAN MEMORIAL AWARD** (Grades 4-5)
Offered by Aman Khan to honor PST's 11th president. A poem of 28 lines or fewer on any subject and in any form.
- 9. THE VIOLETTE NEWTON MEMORIAL AWARD** (Grades 1-3)
Offered anonymously to honor Poet Laureate of Texas, Violette Newton. A poem of no more than 14 lines in any form and on any subject.
- 10. THE GUY MALONE MEMORIAL PRIZE** (Grades 1-3)
Offered by Catherine L'Herisson to honor the memory of long time vice president emeritus, Guy Malone. A poem of 14 lines or fewer on any subject and in any form.