



25th Annual

NATIONAL STUDENT POETRY CONTEST



FREE TO ENTER

4 DIVISIONS

GRADES 3-5 GRADES 6-7

GRADES 8-9 GRADES 10-12

ENTRY DEADLINE IS APRIL 30th

\$500.00 GRAND PRIZE

**“EARLY BIRD”
DRAWING FOR TEACHERS**

**\$100 x 25 AMAZON GIFT CARDS
(ENTER WITHIN TWO WEEKS)**

TOP EDUCATOR AWARDS
**1 OF 10 LAPTOP COMPUTERS OR TABLETS
FOR PARTICIPATING TEACHERS**

PRIZES JUST FOR ENTERING

(Random Drawings From All Submissions)

**LAPTOP, NETBOOK, TABLET,
OR IPOD TOUCH**

AFTER SCHOOL SHOPPING SPREE
1 OF 10 \$25.00 AMAZON GIFT CARDS

**2 SCHOOLS WITH HIGHEST
PARTICIPATION WILL WIN
A NEW COMPUTER PACKAGE AND
“SPIRIT OF EDUCATION” TROPHY**



Each student may submit **ONE** poem, via our **INSTANT ONLINE ENTRY FORM** at www.libraryofpoetry.com or by mail, with entry being typed rather than handwritten when possible. Poem must be **NO MORE THAN 20 LINES** on any subject, in any style except concrete (shape poems) or blackout, provided that the content of the poem is not vulgar or offensive, does not employ profanity, and is the original and individual work of the student. Sample topics include: Pride in America, friendship, feelings, nature, dreams, aspirations, or anything that inspires creativity. Mail entries to: **“REVIEW COMMITTEE”**
c/o THE AMERICA LIBRARY OF POETRY, P.O. BOX 978
HOULTON, ME 04730. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in each division will be awarded a cash prize and certificate of achievement. One poem declared **“EDITOR’S CHOICE”** will win a **\$500.00 Grand Prize**.

12 Participation prizes will be drawn from all entries. Submissions may be considered for publication by The America Library of Poetry. **ENTRIES MUST BE MADE ONLINE OR MAILED BY APRIL 30, 2021.**

Each mailed submission must include a copy of the cut out portion of the official entry form pictured here.

DO NOT RETURN THIS ENTIRE PAGE.

TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE:

Photocopy friendly entry forms, student participation certificates, and Early Bird and Top Educator Award details are available online at WWW.LIBRARYOFPOETRY.COM

To save on postage, all class or school entries with entry forms may be mailed together.

For inquiries, deadline extensions, or a list of winners, please visit our website.

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CUT OUT AND RETURN THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

(must be cut out and stapled to top left corner of poem)

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Student’s Mailing Address: _____ **Apt#** _____
(Do Not Use School Address)

Zip Code: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

Poem Title: _____

Grade: _____ **School Name:** _____

Teacher’s Name: _____

Student’s Email: _____

(For contact information regarding contest, winning entries, or publication)



Please make copies of this letter and the enclosed flyer and distribute to each teacher.

TO ALL PARTICIPATING TEACHERS:

Please note the new and exciting changes we are making in preparation for our 25th annual National Student Poetry Contest. In appreciation for your continued participation, we have added 25 Amazon Gift Cards of \$100 for teachers who send in their students' submissions within 2 weeks of receiving this notice. Winners will be drawn from all "Early Bird" submissions we receive. This is in addition to our 10 "Top Educator Awards," and 25 "Student Awards." This year, we've also decided to present 2 "Spirit of Education Awards." One to the school with the highest number of entries overall, and one to the school with the highest percentage of participation. (winner to be determined by drawing in the event of a tie)

As our entry deadline coincides with the end of National Poetry Month in April, many teachers take this opportunity to offer a class assignment in creative writing, and send all of their students' work together in one package. Not only does this save on postage, but also facilitates expedited grading.

As a participating teacher, we appreciate your hard work and dedication, and we will do our best to facilitate a fun, fair, and positive way for you to encourage literacy and promote creative writing among your students.

TEACHER SUBMISSION FORM

Teacher's Preferred Title: (Optional) _____

Teacher's First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

School's Mailing Address: _____

Zip Code: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

School Name: _____

School Enrollment: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

(For Early Bird and Top Educator Award Notification, Poetry Contest Winners, And Future Contest Information)

Grade Levels I Teach: _____

To be considered for a Top Educator Award, please check the appropriate boxes below:

☐ **I Certify Full Class Participation Of All Students In # _____ Classes**

☐ **Partial Class Participation Of # _____ Classes**

To be considered for the "Early Bird" Drawing, please check the box, if applicable:

☐ **I Certify I Responded Within 2 Weeks of Receiving the Contest Notice**