



# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual

## NATIONAL STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

ENTRY DEADLINE IS APRIL 30th

### \$500.00 GRAND PRIZE

#### 4 DIVISIONS

GRADES 3-5 GRADES 8-9  
GRADES 6-7 GRADES 10-12

#### 36 PRIZES NO ENTRY FEE

Each student may submit ONE poem, via our INSTANT ONLINE ENTRY FORM at [www.libraryofpoetry.com](http://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, 2018.

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 Top Educator Award details are available online at [WWW.LIBRARYOFPOETRY.COM](http://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. Sponsored by The America Library of Poetry. All rights reserved.

#### TOP EDUCATOR AWARDS

1 OF 10 LAPTOP COMPUTERS OR TABLETS  
FOR PARTICIPATING TEACHERS

#### PRIZES JUST FOR ENTERING

(Random Drawings From All Submissions)  
LAPTOP, TABLET, OR IPOD TOUCH  
AFTER SCHOOL SHOPPING SPREE  
1 OF 10 \$25.00 GIFT CARDS

#### SCHOOL WITH MOST ENTRIES WILL WIN

A NEW COMPUTER PACKAGE AND  
"SPIRIT OF EDUCATION" TROPHY

#### 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)

January 22, 2018



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

With a reminder that April is National Poetry Month, I just wanted to write this note of thanks for your school's continued participation in our National Student Poetry Contest. We have enjoyed reading past submissions and look forward to even more great examples of creative writing as we enter our 22nd season.

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

In recognition of the hard work and dedication shown by your teachers, we will once again present a total of 10 "Top Educator Awards." Any teacher who indicates full class participation on their submission form will be eligible for 1 of 10 new laptop computers or tablets and a "Certificate of Excellence" for framing.

Thanks again for your role in promoting literacy among today's students and tomorrow's leaders.

Sincerely,

Paul Wilson Charles  
*Editor*

### **TEACHER SUBMISSION FORM**

**Teacher's First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School's Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

(For 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