



# 27<sup>th</sup> 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**  
\$100.00 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 )  
**A NEW LAPTOP, TABLET,  
OR WIRELESS HEADPHONES**  
**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](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, 2023.**

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](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.

### 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 27th 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 will also 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**