

Ligonier Valley Writers' Student Poetry Contest - 2010

ENTRY FORM

(Must be filled out completely)

Categories A through C are open to students in grades 4-6.

A. Paul Spencer Poetry Award

Rhymed Verse, any subject
Limit: 1 poem, 20 lines or less
Three prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5

Sponsored by Kathleen and Paul S. Brittain

B. Chestnut Ridge Literary Award

Unrhymed Verse, any subject
Limit: 1 poem, 20 lines or less
Three prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5

Sponsored by Lou and Barbara Steiner

C. Hayden Savinda Memorial Award

Haiku, any subject
Limit: 1-3 poems on same page
Three prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5

Sponsored by Ronald J. Shafer

Categories D through F are open to students in grades 7-9.

D. Highview Farm Award

Traditional Verse, any subject
Limit: 1 poem, 20 lines or less
Three prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5

Sponsored by Bruce and Sally Shirey

E. Shirey Poetry Award

Free Verse, any subject
Limit: 1 poem, 20 lines or less
Three prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5

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F. Ogden Nash Award

Light Humorous Verse, any subject
Limit: 1 poem, 20 lines or less
Three prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5

Sponsored by Anita Staub

Categories G through I are open to students in grades 10-12.

G. The Log House Award

Traditional Verse, any subject
Limit: 1 poem, 20 lines or less
Three prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5

Sponsored by the Greensburg Writers Group in memory of Tina Thoburn

H. Wordcrafters Literary Award

Free Verse, any subject
Limit: 1 poem, 20 lines or less
Three prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5

Sponsored by Gwen Loughner

I. Marie Martin Memorial Award

Romantic Poetry, Traditional Form
Limit: 1 poem, 20 lines or less
Three prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5

Sponsored by Phil and Mary Lou Fleming

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2. You may photocopy this form, print it from the LVW website, or contact us for copies.
3. Print a copy of the poem **without the entrant's name.**
4. Staple a completed entry form to the back of the poem and mail it by **March 19, 2010**, to:

Student Poetry Contest
Ron Shafer
706 Melvin Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601

Name _____

Home Address _____

Parent/Guardian/Teacher _____

School Name & Address _____

School _____

Phone # _____

Grade Level _____

Category _____

Limit: one entry per student in each chosen category.

Title of Poem _____

Signature of Poet _____

Walter McGough Memorial Award

Three poems selected as the best of the best will each receive a \$20 prize.

Sponsored by the Family of Walter McGough and Ligonier Valley Writers

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2010 Student Poetry Contest Entries close March 19, 2010

CONTEST RULES

- 1. ELIGIBILITY**
Open to all students in Grades 4-12 in Southwestern Pennsylvania.
- 2. LIMIT**
One entry per student in each category.
- 3. DEADLINE**
Entries must be postmarked no later than March 19, 2010.
- 4. QUALIFICATIONS:** Entries must
 - Be original work of the contestant.
 - Not have won a prize in any other contest.
 - Not have been published.
- 5. FORMAT:**
 - Each poem must be titled.
 - Type or write clearly on one side of white 8.5" x 11" paper only.
 - Staple entry form to the back of the poem.
 - Student's name should appear on the entry form only, **NOT** on the poem.
 - Send one copy of each submission.
- 6. WINNING CONTESTANTS:**
Winners will be notified in April. Prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony on May 1 at 4 p.m. at the Greensburg Barnes & Noble. For a list of winners, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry.
- 7. NO POEMS WILL BE RETURNED.**
- 8. PUBLICATION RIGHTS:**
Ligonier Valley Writers retains first right to publication of prize-winning poems. Authors retain all other copyrights.

9. NOTE TO TEACHERS:

Please communicate all rules to your students. Students must choose their own topics and all poems must be in good final form. Large batches of unedited poems will not be read. You may want to conduct your own class poetry contest and have the students help select the top entries to submit to the Student Poetry Contest.

10. Note to Parents/Guardians:

You may sponsor your child's entry by filling in the "Teacher" information.

POETRY JUDGING CRITERIA

- Aptness of title.
- Impact (powerful effect).
- Grades 4-6: Effectiveness and meaning.
Grades 7-12: Universality (unrestricted fitness or adaptability).
- Imagery.
- Suitability (appropriate to particular contest category and age level).
- Continuity of theme.
- Craftsmanship (aptness of phrase, freshness of rhyme, rhythmic quality, economy of words, appropriate mechanics, grammar).

POETRY JUDGES

Judging for the 2010 Student Poetry Contest will be done by Sharon Anderson, Kathleen Ceroni, and April Serock.

POETRY TUTORIAL

www.LVWonline.org
Getting Into Poetry page
You must have Acrobat Reader installed to use these lessons.

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