

POETRY – WRITTEN

Poetry Competition

Calling All Young Poets!

Are you a wordsmith with a passion for poetry? Do you have a story to tell, an emotion to express, or a vision to share? Then this poetry competition is for you!

What is Poetry? Poetry is a literary art form that uses language chosen for its sound, beauty, and evocative power. It can be a powerful tool for expressing emotions, telling stories, and exploring ideas.

Competition Requirements:

1. Original Work: Your poem must be your own original creation.
2. Typed Submission: Please type your poem using a 12-point font, such as Calibri or Times New Roman.
3. Formatting:
 - Include your name, page number, and unit name/number at the top of each page.
 - Retain the original form of your poem (free verse or structured).
 - Do not exceed 3 pages.
4. Notarized Copy: Submit one notarized copy of your original poem.
5. Interview: Top contestants will be interviewed by a panel of judges to discuss their work. Contestants may perform/read one stanza/verse from their poem. Points are not awarded for performing/reading the segment.

Judging Criteria:

Criteria	Weight	Description
Emotional Connection	20%	Does the poem evoke a strong emotional response in the reader?
Original Thought	20%	Is the poem unique and thought-provoking?
Sequential Development	20%	Does the poem have a clear structure and flow?
Structure & Presentation	20%	Is the poem well-formatted and grammatically correct?
Language & Theme	20%	Does the poem use vivid language and imagery to enhance the theme?

Tips for Contestants:

- Read widely: Explore different poetic styles and techniques.
- Write from the heart: Let your emotions guide your writing.
- Revise and edit: Polish your work.
- Practice your presentation: Be prepared to discuss your poem with the judges.
- Believe in yourself: Your unique voice deserves to be heard.

Let your words soar! Submit your best work and showcase your poetic talent.