

POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS 2025 STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

Sponsored by the Poetry Society of Texas

No Entry Fee

You may download a copy of these Official Rules at <https://poetrysocietyoftexas.org>

Open to all Texas public, private, and home school students currently enrolled in
Grades 1–12. (12 Contests Total)

Each Grade Level has its own contest, so students compete
only with others in their Grade Level.

Winners will be announced in April, 2025.

Winning poems will be published in a 2025 Student Anthology.

Winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd place, and Honorable Mention) in each Grade Level receive certificates
and one copy of the 2025 Student Anthology.

Accepting entries now through February 1, 2025
(All entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2025)

Contest Rules

(Poem WILL BE DISQUALIFIED if student does not follow these rules.)

1. Poems are to be entered by the student's TEACHER or, in the case of home-schooled students, PARENT.
2. Each student may enter only **one** poem, written in any style and on any subject.
3. Poem **must** be the original work of the student. (AI-generated poems are not acceptable.)
4. Poem is **not to exceed 28 lines, single-spaced** (title and white space between stanzas are not counted as part of the total line count.)
5. Line **width should not exceed 60 characters** (including spaces between words and punctuation.) Count carefully!
6. A poem is not eligible that has been previously entered into any contest or published in any media **except** the student's school publication.
7. Contestants should retain a copy of their poems. Submitted copies will not be returned.

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Preparation of Entries (Teachers and Home-schooling Parents)

1. Submit two (2) typed or clearly printed copies of the poem. Poem should not exceed more than one page. 12-pt Times New Roman font is strongly preferred.
2. In the TOP LEFT corner of BOTH COPIES, write the **Contest Number** and student's **Grade Level**.
3. In the TOP RIGHT corner of ONE COPY (identification copy), write the following information: **Student's name, School name, School address, Teacher's or Parent's name, and Teacher's or Parent's email address.**
4. TEACHERS (PARENTS, if student is home-schooled) may submit student entries in **one** envelope. Please stack each student's set with the identification copy on top. Please do not staple both copies together. The copy with no identification is used for judging.

Mail to: PST 2025 Student Contest, c/o Catherine L'Herisson, 518 Grinnell Dr., Garland, TX 75043. Postmark must be on or before February 1, 2025, but please mail as soon as possible.

Please direct any questions to Catherine L'Herisson at catherinepoet@juno.com or at poetrysocietyoftexas@gmail.com.