

STUDENT POETRY CONTEST POETRY SOCIETY OF TENNESSEE

High School Division (Grades 9-12)

Free Verse Poem — postmark deadline December 21, 2024

Middle School Division (Grades 6-8)

Free Verse Poem— postmark deadline February 22, 2025

Elementary Division (Grades 2-5)

Any Poem Form — postmark deadline February 22, 2025

CONTEST AWARDS

1st place \$25, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$15, 4th \$10, & 5th \$5.

Winners will be announced on the Poetry Society of Tennessee website www.poetrytennessee.org/pstcontests in the spring. Winning poems will be published in *Tennessee Voices*.

GUIDELINES

- 1. The competition is free and open to all Tennessee students in grades 2-12.**
 - a. Public, private, and home school students are eligible.
 - b. Each student may submit only one poem.
 - c. Work generated by AI is not accepted.
- 2. Formatting: Entries must follow the guidelines for their poems to be considered in the competition.**
 - a. Your poem should be formatted as follows: single spaced, typed in Times News Roman font size 12 Your poem must fit on a single sheet.
 - b. Your poem must have a title.
 - c. Do not include any illustrations or pictures.
- 3. Submit two copies of your poem for judging purposes.**

Copy #1 (the “information” copy) must follow the example below.

The following information must be written on the top left corner of the paper above the poem.

division (elementary, middle, or high school) student’s first & last name

student’s grade

name of school

school street address

teacher’s prefix (Mr/Ms) & first & last name teacher’s email

Copy #2 (the “poem only” copy) must only include the “division” (elementary, middle, or high school) in the top left corner of the paper above the poem.

4. Teacher Submission Instructions

If sending a class set, keep each student’s “copy 1” and “copy 2” paired together.

Student work will not be returned. Mail entries to the following address:

Attn: Seth Grindstaff 220 Sunny Slopes Dr. Jonesborough, TN 37659

Example Copy #1

division (elementary, middle, or high school)
student's first & last name
student's grade
name of school
school street address
teacher's prefix (Mr/Ms) & first & last name
teacher's email

Poem Title

Poem Stanzas...

Example Copy #2

division (elementary, middle, or high school)

Poem title

Poem stanzas...