**Poetry Society of Tennessee**

**An affiliate of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS)**

**Membership Application/Renewal**

**Membership Year: May 1 through April 30, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The Poetry Society of Tennessee (PST) is a non-profit organization founded by poets for poets in Memphis in 1953, for the

purpose of bringing into being a close comradeship and mutual working fellowship among the recognized poets of the state; stimulating the as yet unrecognized poets of the state to make an effort for recognition in the established channels of expression; sponsoring the recognition of poetry as a creative art in the educational institutions within this state by encouraging the youth of Tennessee to secure the cultural background and appreciation necessary to achieve stature as a poet; and assisting and encouraging in every way possible the development of creative talent in the field of poetry. We are an inclusive, supportive, "learn by doing" society. Some of our members are accomplished poets, some are beginners, and a few are non-writers who simply love poetry. No matter where you fit in the spectrum, PST has something to offer. PST is recognized as the founding society in the State of Tennessee by the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS).

**Please check the application type: ❑ New member ❑ Membership renewal**

**Please check the level of membership/renewal desired:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Full member for one year ($25 for membership year). Full members may participate in monthly meetings and periodic poetry readings, participate in members-only contests, and are eligible to participate in National Federation of State Poetry Society contests.

\_\_\_\_\_ Full member, prorated for partial membership year ($15 for January - April)

\_\_\_\_\_ High School Student member ($10 for membership year); may participate in monthly meetings and periodic poetry readings; also eligible to participate in PST members-only contests.

**Please provide the following information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If a *renewing* member, has any contact information changed since last year? ❑Yes ❑ No**

PST will provide a Member Directory with Name, Phone Number, and Email Address (*no street address*).

**If you do *not* wish to list your contact information in the directory, please check here:** **❑ Do Not List**

**Please return a completed copy of this form and a check for membership dues**

**(payable to PST) to:**

**Howard Carman, Treasurer**

**P.O. Box 3772**

**Johnson City, TN 37602**