

CONTEST GUIDELINES

POETRY

October 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023

YOUNG
WRITERS
CONTEST

Poetry is a written work, usually in groups of lines called stanzas, made up of carefully chosen words to create images or explore an idea in a shorter space than prose. Poems can be formal verse (has clear rhyme and meter), blank verse (has meter but no rhyme), or free verse (has no rhyme or regular meter).

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- Entrants must be in kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- Entrants must be a legal resident of Kentucky.
- Only one entry per category.
- Only single-author poems written within the current school year are eligible.
- Children of contest judges and KET employees are not eligible.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

- Complete the online entry form at KET.org/WritersContest.
- Form must be submitted, and writing piece uploaded, by midnight EST Friday, March 31, 2023.

WORD COUNT

- Poems must include between 25-250 words.

POEM FORMAT

- Student's full name and grade level must be included on a cover or title page, or at the top of the first page.
- All poems must include a title.
- All work should be on the front of the page.
- Text should be typed.
- All poem elements should be original; copyrighted names are not allowed.
- If the student is writing an homage to another work, that work must be mentioned, e.g. "in the style of -title- by -author-."
- Students may conference with parents, teachers, and peers on their work.

CONTENT

- Entry content, topics, and themes must be school appropriate.

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