



Kentucky State Poetry Society 2010 Student Poetry Contest

Win ca\$h for your poetry

Kick around some words.

Savor the sounds of the syllables.

Pour syllables into sentences, stirring until a poem forms.

Send your freshly made masterpiece to KSPS Student Contest.

Each of the poetry categories listed below carries a cash prize for first, second and third place winners. At the judges' discretion, honorable mentions will be recognized with a certificate. This contest is open to any student in any state.

Category 1 – Grades 3-4 only

Prizes: \$25/15/10 -- Any subject, any form

Honorable Mentions – book from Carnegie Literacy Council

Category 2 – Grades 5-6 only

Prizes: \$35/20/15 -- Any subject, any form

Category 3 – Grades 7-8 only

Prizes: \$45/25/20 -- Any subject, any form

Category 4 – Grades 9-10 only

Prize: \$55/30/25 -- Any subject, any form

Category 5 – Grades 11-12 only

Prize: \$55/30/25 -- Any subject, any form

KSPS 2010 STUDENT CONTEST RULES

1. All poems submitted

- Must be the original unpublished work of the student
- Must have some poetic elements i.e. imagery, simile, metaphor, rhyme, rhythm, etc.
- Must not currently be submitted elsewhere or received a cash prize in any other contest
- Must have a **Title** except for haiku. Do not use the category name as the title of the entry.
- Must be typed, photocopied, or computer generated on 8 1/2 X 11 plain white paper.
- We will *only* accept submissions that are *clearly hand-written or printed*.
- *Must not have any graphics or fancy fonts.*
Must be *single spaced* one side of the page.

- 2. LINE WIDTH: 52 characters** (including punctuation and spaces). *A major reason poems are disqualified is because this rule is not followed.*
- 3. LINE LIMIT: 30 lines or less.**
- 4. Students may enter only ONE poem.**

HOW TO SUBMIT POEMS

1. Send two (2) clear copies of each poem.

- On **BOTH** copies, place category name & number in upper *left* corner.
- On 2nd copy **ONLY**, in the upper *right* corner, place poet's **NAME, AGE, GRADE, SCHOOL NAME** and **ADDRESS** and **TEACHER NAME**. List teacher's email, if available. Winning certificates and cash prizes are sent to the school.
- Grades 6-12 must attach to each poem the following statement with student's signature: "I certify that this poem (title) is my original work, and has not been copied in whole or part from any author's poems, including posted on the internet." Signed by student with date.

2. Mail all entries to **Kevin LeMaster**
Student Contest Chair
PO Box 156
South Shore KY 41175
Phone #: 606-932-2139

Email: klemaster01@windstream.net

3. **Entries will not be returned.**

Contest Deadline: March 1, 2010

Winners will be announced in April.

Winners will be published at www.kystatepoetrysociety.org in May.