

RULES:

You can submit in one of two ways:

1. Regular Mail.

Send two clean copies of each poem.

On both copies, place category number and name of category in the upper left-hand corner.

On one copy only, place your name, address, phone number, email address and MEMBER-SHIP STATUS in the upper right-hand corner.

Separate copies with names and without names and organize each group in numerical order.

Include a cover sheet, listing your name, address, phone number, email address, category number and name, and titles of poems entered for each category.

Submit only one poem per category except GRAND PRIX.

No poem may be entered in more than one category.

Do not send your only copy, as poems will not be returned.

Enclose SASE for a notification and copy of the Winners' List.

2. Online.

We now accept online submissions through Submittable. You can find us at

<https://thekentuckystatepoetrysociety.submittable.com/submit>

As a writer you can set up a Submittable account for free.

Only use Submittable if you can pay fees online .

ALL POEMS:

- Must be the original work of entrant, cannot be published elsewhere, and cannot have won a cash prize.
- Be titled with something other than the contest category title, unless specified.
- Be typed, photocopied, or computer-generated, single-spaced on one side of 8 1/2 X 11 white paper.
- Use no more than a 56-character line width, including punctuation and spaces.
- Adhere to the style, form or subject stated in the category description. If there is no statement regarding these, any style, subject and/or form is acceptable.

PLEASE NOTE: All poems are limited to 32 lines including title, spaces between title and verse(s), and spaces between verses, unless stated otherwise by sponsor or judge. Observe 56-character line limit (including punctuation and spaces) in all cases.

2016

Kentucky State Poetry Society

(Founded 1966)

Adult Poetry Contest



Deadline:

July 15th, 2016

kystatepoetrysociety.org

Mick Parsons, Contest Chair

CONTEST CATEGORIES

1. Grand Prix – \$100/\$50/\$25. Theme: Any subject, any form. *4 poem limit.*
Sponsor: KSPS Contest Fund Judge: Morgan Adams

2. Chaffin/Kash Award – \$100/\$50/\$25. *KSPS members Only.* Honoring Lillie D. Chaffin and Dr. Vernon O. Kash. Theme: Any subject/contemporary form. Judge: Morgan Adams

3. The President's Prize -- \$50/\$25/\$15. Theme: Memory. Write a free verse poem between 10 and 30 lines long as inspired by or relating to the subject of a memory or memories. Sponsor and Judge: Morgan Adams

4. Furrbawl Prize -- \$100, HM at judge's discretion. Theme: For poetry probing the borderlands of humankind and nature. Any style or length, but send your best finished work only - not open to early drafts. Sponsored by Broadstone Books, publisher of *The Furrbawl Poems*. Judged by Steven R. Cope

5. The Tennyson – \$35/\$25/\$15, 3 HM. Theme: Any subject. Form must be based on Tennyson's "Ask Me No More," or a poem with three quatrains in pentameter with the title used as the 5th line refrain in dimeter, and a rhyme scheme of abbaR, cddcR effer. Sponsor and Judge: Debra Kuss.

6. Dorothy Sutton Award -- \$50/\$25/\$10, 3 HM. Theme: Any form, any subject
Sponsor: Elizabeth Hyden. Judge: Dorothy Sutton.

7. Winklebleck's Choice Award – In Memory of Mary Winklebleck -- \$40/\$20/\$10, 3 HM (if merited). Theme: Any subject, any form. 45 line limit. Sponsor and Judge: Barbara Blanks.

8. The Pulaski Writers' Alliance Award -- \$25/\$15/\$10, 3 HM. Theme: The Winding Path. 36 line limit. Sponsor and Judge: The Pulaski Writers' Alliance

9. Monday Morning Writers Group -- \$30/\$20/\$10, up to 3 HM. Theme: Water, Water, Everywhere." Any form, any style. Sponsor and Judge: The Monday Morning Writers' Group.

10. The Hespeler Memorial Award -- \$30/\$15/\$10. HM as merited. Theme: Happy Memories. Choose a favorite photograph that brings back a cheerful memory. Write a poem about it. Include a copy of the photo: photocopy or online photo. Sponsor and Judge: Becky Alexander

11. The Dirty River Press Award -- 50/\$25/\$10. Theme: History of the conquered. History is often seen as the story of the victor. But there's always another side. Most of the time, there's more than one. Write a poem about the conquered. Any style. No more than 32 lines. Sponsor: Dirty River Press. Judge: Mick Parsons

12. How Tweet it Is – \$30/\$20/\$10. Theme: Write a concise poem with sensory impact. Poem must be 140 characters or less in length. Sponsor and Judge: Becky Lindsay, editor of *Pegasus*.

CONTEST FEES:

Category 1. Grand Prix: \$5 per poem. Limit of (4) four poems for members and non-members. Category 2. Chaffin/Kash Award: Open to KSPS Members ONLY.

All Other Categories:
Non-members \$2 each, one poem per category. KSPS members: \$1 per poem except in the Grand Prix or may submit poetry in any number of categories for \$12 flat fee. Flat Fee for Members ONLY.

Make checks or money orders payable to:

KSPS CONTEST FUND

DO NOT SEND CASH! OVERPAYMENTS WILL NOT BE RETURNED AND UNDERPAYMENTS WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

MAIL SUBMISSIONS & CONTEST FEES TO:

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If you have questions about the contest call or email the contest chair: (502)509-2024, mickp@gmx.com

If you would like to join the Kentucky State Poetry Society, contact the Membership Chair:

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