

Spring 2027 Annual Poetry Contests for Middle and High School Students

Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas (PRA), founded on February 5, 1931, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of poetry in the community and to secure a fuller recognition of the works of contemporary poets in the state of Arkansas. PRA is an affiliate member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS). NFSPS is also a non-profit organization focusing on "the importance of poetry with respect to national cultural heritage." www.poetsroundtableofarkansas.org

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STUDENT CONTEST

POETRY CONTESTS FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS

GRADES 6 - 8 (JUNIOR DIVISION) • GRADES 9 - 12 (SENIOR DIVISION)

No entry fee • Any subject, free verse, 24 line limit (does not include space lines)

Rules:

1. **Entries should be Postmarked January 01, 2027 through March 7, 2027. Postmark Deadline: March 7, 2027 • Do not submit entries before January 1, 2027**
2. **Awards for Senior Division:** First- **\$75**; Second- **\$50**; Third- **\$40**; Three Honorable Mentions- **\$10** each. • **Awards for Junior Division:** First- **\$50**; Second- **\$35**; Third-**\$25**; Three Honorable Mentions- **\$10** each.
3. **Student may submit one poem only (two copies).** Poem is to be typed. There should be no large or unusual fonts or illustrations. **Times New Roman** is the suggested font. No font larger than 12-point should be used. Poem must be student's original work: published or unpublished; prized or un-prized. No poem will be returned. Be sure to keep a copy.
4. On one copy only, on top left side, 12 font, list Contest name (Senior Division or Junior Division), student's name, complete mailing address, telephone number, age, grade, teacher's name and e-mail address, and school. **On this same copy, student must certify his/her poem by writing:** *My poem has not been copied in whole or part from another author's work, including poems on the Internet.* **Sign your name.** Put no identification on the second copy.
5. Mail entries to: Ali Mattese, 230 Old Tram Road, Mountain Pine, AR 71956
On the envelope, write PRA Student Contest.
6. Winners will be contacted early April and invited to attend the 2027 Dr. Lily Peter Spring Celebration. A list of winners will be posted on poetsroundtableofarkansas.org immediately after the conference in April.