

48th ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Submissions Open: January 3, 2023

Submissions Close: March 16, 2023



The Poetry Contest is open to all Waterbury students who are in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

See Reverse for rules and guidelines

<u>Grades K-3</u>	Grades 4-6	Grades 7-8
1.)Animals	1.) Spooky, Scary Things	1.) Make a Haiku
2.) My favorite Thing	2.) Make a Haiku	2.) Social Media - Hero
3.) Make a Haiku	3.) What's Your Ideal World?	or Zero?
		3.) What Empowers you
		to be Fierce?



Please follow these rules to qualify.

1. Open to all children in Grades K-8 who live, attend school, or are homeschooled in Waterbury, Connecticut.
2. All poems must be received no later than March 16, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.
3. Students must use the themes assigned to their grades. Please see reverse side for the complete listing.
4. All poems MUST be the original work of the individual child. Only one poem per child is judged.
5. ONLY the title and the poem should be on the front side of the page. Please use standard 8 $1/2 \times 11$ inch paper for the poetry submissions. Illustrations are not necessary for the poems.
6. Physical poems must have a registration form attached to the BACK of the poem. Forms are available on the Silas Bronson Library website www.bronsonlibrary.org/kids, at the Silas Bronson Library Main at 267 Grand St. Waterbury, CT 06702 and Bunker Hill Branches. They are also available at Waterbury Public Schools. Individual entries may be submitted as an email attachment with required information in the body of the email to bronsonkids@waterburyct.org.
7. Entries without a registration form, or those that have no name will be automatically disqualified.
8. Poems cannot be returned. Please keep a copy for your records. Winning poems may be published or used on social media. Media releases will be available.
9. Any poem submitted in a foreign language must be accompanied by the English translation. Judging will be based on the translated version of the poem.
10. Winning students will have the opportunity to read their poem during the Awards Ceremony on a volunteer basis.

For additional information, please call the Children's Services Division at 203-574-8213

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11. Only the First Place Winners & Honorable Mention Winners will receive certificates & accompanying prize bags

Note: Winners will be notified in April with information about the finale to follow.