



Please follow these rules to qualify

- 1) Open to all children in Grades K-12 who live, attend school, or are homeschooled in Waterbury, Connecticut.
- 2) All poems must be received no later than **March 30, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.**
- 3) Students must use one of the listed themes. 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 x 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, bronsonlibrary.org/kids, at the Silas Bronson Library at 267 Grand Street and the Bunker Hill Branch Library at 197 Bunker Hill Ave. 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.
- 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.
- 11) Only the First Place Winners & Honorable Mention Winners per grade will receive certificates & accompanying prize bags

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

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

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50th ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST



Submissions Open: February 1, 2025

Submissions Close: *March 30, 2025*

The Poetry Contest is open
to all Waterbury students who are in
Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade.
See Reverse for rules and guidelines

This Year's Themes

- 1) *Your favorite color*
- 2) *Your favorite memory*
- 3) *Where do you see yourself or the world in 50 years*