

Café-Youth Poetry Entry Form



**Celebrate Poetry @ your library®**  
PPLS Youth Poetry Competition Official Entry Form  
Due December 1, 2007



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE. A parent or legal guardian must sign the form. Limit: 3 poems per entrant. Only one poem per entry form will be accepted.

Poet's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ M  F

Poet's Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Poem \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable:  
School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Biographic Information**

Hobbies/Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Poems \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Books \_\_\_\_\_

What library do you visit? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rules:**

- Participants must be in grades 6 – 12.
- All entries must be received by December 1, 2007. Limit: 3 poems per entrant.
- Each poem should be written on the back of the entry form. Entry forms may be photocopied. Only one poem per entry form or the entry will be disqualified.
- Each poem is limited to 20 lines. Entries exceeding 20 lines will be disqualified.
- Each poem must be legible. Illegible entries will be disqualified. Each poem must be typed or handwritten in black or blue ink.
- Each poem must be on one side of the paper only. Entries on more than one sheet of paper will be disqualified.
- By entering, participants certify that the poem submitted is the original work of the above named poet and not a copy of an existing poem. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified.
- All poems will be judged on originality and structure. All qualified entries will be selected from the following: grades 6 – 7, 8 – 9, 10 – 12. Each group will be judged separately. The judging panel may consist of poets, teachers, and librarians. All decisions by the judging committee are final. By entering, participants expressly agree to these rules and to the decision of the judges.
- Parents/legal guardians of all youth entrants give Plano Public Library System (PPLS) permission to print, publish, or use any winning poem by a finalist or winner. These poems may be used for any and all purposes including, but not limited to, advertising, publicity, publication, and exhibition in any media known or hereafter devised. All rights to the poem will be retained by the author with PPLS being granted permission to use the entrant's poem at its discretion.
- The poetry competition is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, incomplete, or misdirected mail.
- All finalists will be invited to an awards ceremony and will have their work published.
- Parents/legal guardians of youth entrants give permission to PPLS to use any photo taken of the poet at the ceremony in their internal publications. Parent/legal guardian also gives permission to PPLS to send photos to outside publications, (such as national library publications and local newspapers).

Poet's name as it should appear in print: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct and that the entry submitted is the original work of the above-named. I have read and understand all contest rules before signing.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
If applicable

Poet's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring to any PPLS library or mail to:  
Celebrate Poetry  
Plano Public Library System  
1501 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Plano, TX 75074

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