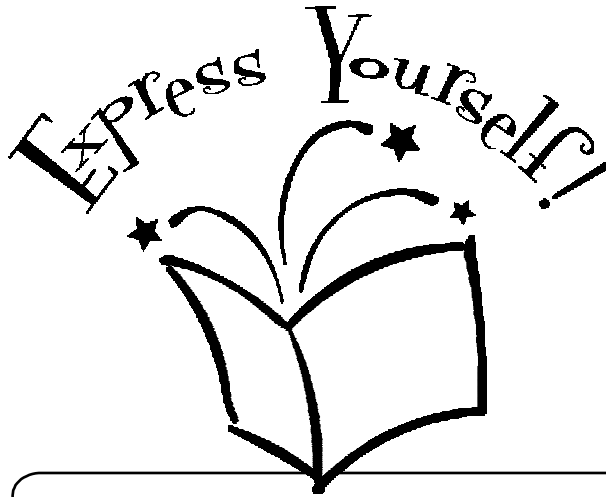


★ Fourteenth Annual Youth Poetry Competition

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

- Sixty finalists will each receive a medal and a copy of the poetry anthology.
- All finalists will be invited to an award ceremony on April 24, 2010 and have their work published by the Dallas Public Library in a bound anthology.
- One finalist will be selected to receive the Joe M. and Doris Russell Dealey Fund Award of Achievement and two finalists will each receive a Junior Award.
- All qualified poems will be judged on originality and structure.
- All qualified poems will be judged separately in the following grade categories: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, and 10-12.
- All finalists will be notified by mail by March 31, 2010.

RULES Please read carefully.

1. Poems must be the writer's own work and may not be submitted without the poet's knowledge and consent.
2. All poets must be in grades 2-12 and live in the City of Dallas or attend a Dallas school.
3. All entries must be received or postmarked (if mailed) by January 24, 2010. No entries will be returned.
4. Entries must not exceed 20 lines.
5. Only one entry per poet.
6. Electronic submissions are preferred. Please type in Microsoft Word using standard fonts.
7. Poems not submitted electronically must be typed or written in blue or black ink on the back of the entry form. Please do not staple poem to entry form. If the judges cannot read the poet's handwriting, the poem will be disqualified.
8. Poems accepted in English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese and Chinese
9. Decisions of the judging committees are final.
10. The poetry competition is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, incomplete, or misdirected mail.

Return by mail to: **Express Yourself!**

Outreach Services, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library

11515 Young St., Dallas, TX 75201-5499

E-mail – poetry@dallaslibrary2.org

Forms may also be dropped off at any Dallas Public Library location.

CERTIFICATIONS

- I certify that the poem submitted is my own original work and is not copied from any source including books, magazines, textbooks, lyrics or Internet sources.
- I understand that if it is found that my poem is copied or plagiarized my poem will be disqualified from the competition and my school may be contacted by the poetry competition coordinators.

Student's signature _____

Please print neatly or type

Student Name _____

_____ Street address _____

_____ City _____ State _____

_____ ZIP _____ Home telephone number _____

_____ Alternate phone number _____ Parent/legal guardian/teacher/librarian work telephone number _____

_____ Parent/legal guardian/teacher/librarian email address _____

_____ Age _____ Grade _____

_____ Male _____ Female _____

School name _____

School address _____ Charter Private Homeschool

Title of poem _____

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