



ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY

# POETRY CONTEST

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## CONTEST CATEGORIES

### 1. Free Verse Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Free Verse
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

### 2. Formal Verse Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Any set form: (identify the set form at the top of the page)
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

### 3. Traditional Haiku (5-7-5) Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Traditional 5-7-5 haiku
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

### 4. Modern Haiku

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Modern haiku
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

### 5. ISPS Board Award

Sponsored by ISPS Board of Directors

- SUBJECT: Community
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$40, \$30, \$15

### 6. Phillip Egelston Memorial Award

Sponsored by David Gross in memory of Phillip Egelston

- SUBJECT: Rural America
- FORM: Free Verse
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$10

### 7. Southern Chapter Award

Sponsored by ISPS Southern Chapter, Carbondale, in memory of Phillip Egelston

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Short poem
- LINE LIMIT: 8 lines
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$10

### 8. The Ida Kotyuk Award

Sponsored by Ida Kotyuk

- SUBJECT: Any small item we see or use daily
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$60, \$40, \$20

### 9. The Horror/Dark Humor Award

Sponsored by Pam Larson

- SUBJECT: Horror or Dark Humor
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$50, \$25, \$15

### 10. The Surrealist Poetry Award

Sponsored by Pam Larson

- SUBJECT: Surrealist Poetry; Entrants must state the technique used to create the poem
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$10

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Eligibility.** Contest is open to anyone.
2. **Unpublished.** All poems must be the original work of the contestant, unpublished in print or electronically.
3. **Previous Awards.** Poems which have won monetary awards are not eligible
4. **Poem format**
  - Must be in English
  - 40-line limit (unless otherwise specified). Except for title and the space following the title, ALL lines count, including epigraph, blank lines, etc.
  - Text must be typed, photocopied, or computer-generated in 12 or 14 point with no fancy fonts or illustrations.
5. **Page.** One poem per page on 8.5" x 11" white paper (no onion skin), black ink, single-spaced.
6. **Titles.** All poems except haiku must be titled.

7. **Awards.** No poet can win two awards in the same category

8. **Submit two copies** of each poem:

**Originals**, in the upper left-hand corner include:

- Category number and contest name
- Your ID (name, address, e-mail, phone number)
- The word "MEMBER" if you have current membership in ISPS.

**Duplicate Copies**, in upper left-hand corner include:

- Category number and contest name ONLY; no personal I.D.

**Two Stacks.** Separate originals from duplicates and stack in numerical order with originals on top.

9. **Entry Fees**

- ISPS MEMBERS: \$8 for up to 8 poems, \$1 each additional poem.
- NON-ISPS MEMBERS, \$10, up to 8 poems, \$1 each additional poem.

10. **Checks payable to:**

Illinois State Poetry Society

11. **Mail all submissions**, together with your check to:

Illinois State Poetry Society Contest  
% Jim Lambert  
11617 Sherry Lynn Drive  
Carbondale, IL 62901-0732

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Entries must be postmarked on or before **NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

## WINNERS' LIST

**Names of First-, second- and third-place winners** and three honorable mention winners for each category will be posted at our website. To receive a list of winners by mail, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your submission. See the winners' list and more information about ISPS on our website:

[www.illinoispoets.org](http://www.illinoispoets.org)