



# Illinois State Poetry Society 2023 STUDENT CONTEST

November 1, 2022 — February 28, 2023

## AWARDS

### Top Three Winners & Two Honorable-Mention Winners in each contest

- Have their poems published in *Illinois Student Voices, Vol. 1*
- Receive a copy of the book (also to be available on amazon.com) and an award certificate.
- Receive a one-year membership in the Illinois State Poetry Society.

### Top Three Winners in each contest

- Also receive cash awards:  
1st Place: \$30  
2nd Place: \$20  
3rd Place: \$10
- Poems advance to National Manningham Trust Student Poetry Contest and will be judged for additional Manningham prizes. [More information at [www.nfmps.com](http://www.nfmps.com).]

## 2023 STUDENT CONTESTS

### SENIOR DIVISION, Grades 9-12

#### 1. President's Challenge Award

- SUBJECT: Peace
- FORM: Any

#### 2. Lake Michigan Award

- SUBJECT: Water
- FORM: Any

#### 3. Robert Frost Award

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Rhyming Poem

### JUNIOR DIVISION, Grades 6-8

#### 4. Vice President's Challenge Award

- SUBJECT: Family
- FORM: Any

#### 5. Mississippi River Award

- SUBJECT: Water
- FORM: Any

#### 6. Land of Lincoln Award

- SUBJECT: Abraham Lincoln
- FORM: Any

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

**Any submission that does not follow ALL guidelines will be disqualified.**

- 1. Eligibility.** Original work of a single student in a public or private Illinois school or home-schooled in Illinois.
- 2. Entries.** Submit only one poem per contest.
- 3. Unpublished.** Poems published in print or online or accepted for publication (except in school publications) are ineligible.
- 4. Simultaneous submissions.** Poems currently entered in other contests are ineligible.

## POEM & PAGE FORMAT

- **English** only.
- **30 line limit:** All text and blank lines count except the title and one blank line following the title.
- **Line width.** No line may exceed 50 characters, including punctuation marks and spaces.
- **Single-spaced lines.** (Set line spacing options to 0 pt. before and 0 pt. after).
- **One poem** per 8.5" x 11" page.
- **Typed** or computer-generated, 12 point, plain font (Times New Roman preferred) on white paper.
- **Title** all poems except haiku.

## HOW TO PREPARE MAILINGS

- 1. Submit two typed copies of each poem** (one anonymous for the judge; one with ID). Include contest number and title on the upper left of both.
- 2. ID COPY ONLY:** On the upper right of ID copy, add:
  - Name of Student
  - Age and Grade
  - Name of School
  - School address with city/state/zip (required for ISPS and Manningham notification of winners)
  - Teacher/Sponsor (include first and

last name and Mr./Ms./Mrs.).  
• Teacher/Sponsor's email address.

**3. Originality declaration.** The ID copy must also include a statement of originality, signed by the student:

"I certify that this poem is my original work and has not been copied in whole or part from any author's poem in print or posted on the Internet."

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Copies.** Do not separate the copies. Do not staple the copies together.

**5. Batched Mailings:** Teachers/sponsors may send all students' poems in one envelope.

- Sort poems by contest number.
- Keep anonymous and ID copies together (no staples).
- Include your email address.

**6. Self-entered.** An individual student may submit entries in a single mailing.

## SUBMISSIONS

There are no entry fees.

## DEADLINE

Postmark must be between:

**Nov. 1, 2022 – Feb. 28, 2023**

## MAILING ADDRESS

Send submissions to:

**ISPS c/o Mary Beth Bretzlauf  
426 Park Avenue  
Highland Park, IL 60035**

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the contest chair:

**Mary Beth Bretzlauf  
ISPS.manningham@gmail.com**

Copies of the contest guidelines are also available at: [www.illinoispoets.org](http://www.illinoispoets.org).