



# Poetry Society of Indiana

## *Young Voices Annual Poetry Contest*

### for Grades 3 - 12

#### *Guidelines & Submission Form*

#### **Contest Website:**

<https://www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-young-voices-annual-poetry-contest.html>

#### **Submission window open May 1 to September 20**

**Annual Deadline:** submissions must be received by September 20

Winners may be invited to read their poems at PSI's annual [Fall Rendezvous Convention](#) event in October. First place winners in each category **may be published** in [Ink to Paper](#) (PSI's annual publication), on the PSI website <https://poetrysocietyofindiana.org>, and across PSI's social media platforms (public Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).

#### **Guidelines:**

- Open state-wide to public, private, and homeschool students in grades 3 – 12
- Recommendation by a teacher required
- Original unpublished work only
- One poem submission per student
- 30 line limit (including blank lines)
- No submission fee

#### **Required Format for POEMS:**

Poems must be in a Word or Google document:

- DO NOT INCLUDE POET NAME
- single spaced
- Times New Roman 12 point font

#### **Contest Categories:**

**Category 1:** Grades 3 & 4

**Category 2:** Grades 5 & 6

**Category 3:** Grades 7 & 8

**Category 4:** Grades 9 & 10

**Category 5:** Grades 11 & 12

**How to Submit:**

All poems and Submission Forms must be submitted to [poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com](mailto:poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com) using one of the following:

- regular email with Word document (.doc, .docx) attachments
- a shared Google document
- if you submit using regular email, please put "PSI Young Voices Annual Poetry Contest (insert Your Name) " in the email subject line

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**SUBMISSION FORM**

**Please include this form with your submission:**

**Student Name:**

**Student Address:**

**Student Contact Email:**

**Student Age** (at time of submission):

**Student Grade** (in current academic school year at time of submission):

**Contest Category #:**

**School Name** (if homeschooled, please put **Homeschooled**):

**School Address:**

**Recommending Teacher's Name:**

*I/we verify that the work I am/we are submitting is my/our own. I/we give Poetry Society of Indiana (PSI) permission to share winning poems in print and/or across PSI's digital platforms. I/we agree to follow all other guidelines as outlined in this document.*

Student's Name (legal signature)

Student's Name (printed)

Date

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*If under 16, also include:*

Guardian's Name (legal signature)

Guardian's Name (printed)

Date

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**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact**  
**[poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com](mailto:poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com)**