

55<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Collin County Poetry Contest

Sponsored by the Mockingbird Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas – [www.mockingbirdpoetry.org](http://www.mockingbirdpoetry.org)

### No Entry Fee

#### Categories for:

**Students:** Open to all Collin County public, private, and home school students (K-12).

- Winners are chosen from each grade level.

**College Students:** Open to College Students who currently attend school in, or reside in, Collin County.

**Adults:** Open to all adults residing in Collin County.

**Mockingbird Chapter Members:** Open to all members regardless of residence.

Winners will be announced at the 55<sup>th</sup> Collin County Poetry Awards in April of 2026.

Winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention) receive certificates and one Anthology.

### Winning poems will be PUBLISHED in a 2026 Winner's Anthology

**Accepting entries now through February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 (Postmark Date)**

#### **Contest Rules (Poems WILL BE DISQUALIFIED if you do not follow these rules)**

1. Each contestant may enter one poem, written in any style and on any subject.
2. Poem must be the original work of the contestant.
3. Poem is **not to exceed 28 lines** (title and white space between lines or stanzas are not counted).
4. Line **width should not exceed 60 characters** (including spaces and punctuation).
5. A poem is not eligible that has been published.
6. Contestants must retain a copy of their poems. Submitted copies will not be returned.

#### **Preparation of Entries**

1. Submit two (2) typed copies of the poem. (If poem has two pages, please staple together)
2. In the **TOP LEFT** corner of **BOTH COPIES**, write which **category** applies:
  - Student with grade level
  - College
  - Adult
  - Mockingbird Member
3. In the **TOP RIGHT** corner of **ONE COPY**, write your identification information:
  - **STUDENT** winners will be contacted through their school so please share Student's Name, School Name, School address, Teacher's name and Teacher's email address.
  - **COLLEGE STUDENTS:** share your Name, Address, College, and your email address.
  - **ADULTS:** share your Name, Address, and Email Address.
4. **TEACHERS may submit student entries in one envelope.** Please stack each student's set with the identification copy on top. Please do not staple the two copies together. The copy with no identification is used for judging.

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