
ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

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The Iowa Poetry Association is a non-profit organization whose sole objective is to promote interest in and appreciation for better poetry by Iowans of all ages. Besides sponsoring an annual contest, IPA offers two workshops each year, held in Des Moines. Membership is open to any individual or group with an Iowa address. Annual dues are \$8.00. Patron dues, \$15 or more, provide the same benefits but help to support the work of the organization.

Lyrical Iowa is an annual, perfect-bound book of up to 400 winning and other high-ranking contest poems. It is available at cost from the editor, Marilyn Baszczynski, 16096 320th Way, Earlham, IA 50072. Delivery of books anticipated in October or November. Some previous editions are available. Check online or with the editor for availability and price.

Please address any questions to the editor (name and address above) or email ipa@iowapoetry.com.

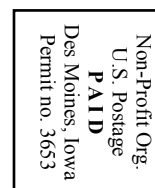
IPA's 75+1 Anniversary Celebrations will be held

October 23rd-24th, 2021

All contest winners will be invited to read their winning poem with Iowa's Poet Laureate.

Watch for updates on our website
www.iowapoetry.com

IOWA POETRY ASSOCIATION
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16096 320th Way
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Iowa Poetry Association's 76th Annual Contest General Rules - All Divisions

also available at www.iowapoetry.com

1. Contests are open to all persons with Iowa residence (see College exception). No entry fee. No membership or book purchase required.
2. Poems must be original and unpublished, including on-line and self publication.
3. Poems must be submitted by their author, except for student poems, which may be submitted by student, teacher or parent.
4. Vulgarity or pornography is NOT accepted.
5. Up to 5 poems may be submitted by one author.
6. All poems except haiku must have titles.
7. 20-line limit unless otherwise specified. Line limits do not count title nor spaces between stanzas. Lines should not exceed 65 characters or editor may make arbitrary line breaks and count them as separate lines.
8. Send poems after January 1, 2021 to editor for your division. Deadline: **February 28, 2021**
9. Winners and others to be published in *Lyrical Iowa 2021* will be notified as soon as all judging and poem selections are completed (mid-summer). No one will receive more than one award. No more than one poem will be printed per author. IPA has first publication rights; all other rights automatically revert to each author AFTER our publication in late fall.
10. Poems may not be withdrawn after submission. No simultaneous submissions.

RULES FOR ADULT SUBMISSIONS

(See next page)

ADULT DIVISION

PREFERRED method of submission:

Email all poems together (up to 5) in **ONE EMAIL** typed or copied into the body of the email. NO ATTACHMENTS. Include your **name, address, phone number, email, county, and if first-time entrant in contest.** Indicate each poem's category. Send to contest@iowapoetry.com by midnight **Feb. 28th.**

If you DO NOT have email, each poem must be on a separate 8 1/2"x11" sheet of paper, typed or computer printed in plain font. IN UPPER RIGHT corner of each sheet, print author's name, address, phone number, county and contest category. Postmark deadline: **Feb. 28, 2021.** Include SASE. Mail all together in business #10 envelope. DO NOT send registered mail. Send only ADULT ENTRIES to:
Marilyn Baszczyński, Editor,
16096 320th Way, Earlham IA 50072.

Read carefully for form and line limits:

GENERAL: Any subject in good taste, any form, 20-line limit. \$100, \$60, \$40

SONNETS: Shakespearean (English), Petrarchan (Italian), or other traditional, 14-line sonnet forms. \$50, \$30, \$20

HAIKU: A configuration of 5/7/5 syllables does NOT make it haiku without other haiku characteristics. \$50 \$30, \$20

NATIONAL/WORLD EVENTS: Subject should focus on an event, not a general situation. Any form, 20-line limit (include 1-2 line summary of event & date, but do not count these lines). \$40, \$20, \$10

POEMS FOR CHILDREN: Poems written by adults in style and content appropriate for reading by or to children. Any form, 20-line limit. \$40, \$20, \$10

HUMOROUS VERSE: Humorous subject, rhymed and metered, 8-line limit. \$40, \$20, \$10

FIRST TIME ENTRANT: Highest ranking first time entrant who does not win another cash prize. \$40

NEW! POEMS OF THE PANDEMIC: Any form, about experiences during the COVID-19 crisis, 20-line limit: \$40, \$20, \$10

ALL SCHOOL DIVISIONS

All General Rules apply (#1-10 front page). Winners will be notified in May - June.

COLLEGE DIVISION (Undergraduate)

Students whose homes are in Iowa but are studying outside the state are eligible to enter, as are out-of-state students attending Iowa schools. (Graduate students should enter adult division.) Prizes: \$40, \$20, \$10. Honorable mentions as merited.

All poems: 20-line limit, no more than 65 characters per line. Any form or subject. **Email** all poems together (up to 5) in **ONE EMAIL** typed or copied into the body of the email. **NO ATTACHMENTS.** Include name and location of your school, your name, home address and an email address that is valid year round. Send to rlarson@mum.edu with IPA COLLEGE POETRY CONTEST as subject line.

If you do not have email, each poem must be on a separate 8 1/2"x11" sheet of paper, typed or computer printed in plain font. On each poem sheet IN UPPER RIGHT corner, print all contact info listed above and mail COLLEGE ENTRIES only to:

Rustin Larson
PO Box 1721, Fairfield, IA 52556
Include SASE for contest results.

NFSPS College Undergraduate Poetry (CUP)

**A national competition. Two \$500 prizes,
book publication and other benefits.**

Entries in December - January only.

Rules at <http://www.nfmps.com/cup.html>

Submit online at: www.nfmps.submittable.com/college

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION (Grades 9 through 12)

NEW! Teacher resources at iowapoetry.com

Poems may be submitted by student, teacher or parent

All poems: 20-line limit, no more than 65 characters per line. Any form or subject. On each poem sheet in UPPER RIGHT corner, include: 1) your name & home address, 2) grade, 3) name of teacher, 4) name & mailing address of school, 5) parent or teacher's email address. Incomplete information causes delay and may disqualify your entries.

(High School continued)

No high school poems are returned. **NO EMAIL SUBMISSIONS**

Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, plus honorable mentions.

Send only HIGH SCHOOL ENTRIES to:

Joy Lyle
17844 330th Street, Keota, IA 52248

GRADE SCHOOL DIVISION (Grades K through 8)

NEW! Teacher resources at iowapoetry.com

Poems may be submitted by student, teacher or parent.

All poems: 20-line limit, One poem per page - no illustrations, please. On each poem sheet in UPPER RIGHT corner, include: 1) your name & home address, 2) grade, 3) name of teacher, 4) name & mailing address of school, 5) parent or teacher's email address. Incomplete information causes delay and may disqualify your entries.

No grade school poems are returned. **NO EMAIL SUBMISSIONS**

Grades K-4 and 5-8 are judged separately. Prizes are \$15, \$10, \$5, plus honorable mentions in each section.

Send only GRADE SCHOOL ENTRIES to:

Della Weems
32944 K Avenue, Adel, IA 50003

ADDITIONAL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Some high-ranking 2020 student entries from grades 9-12 and 6-8 will be selected to represent Iowa in the Manningham Award. If one of your poems is chosen for this honor, you will be notified and asked to certify the originality of your poem.

Students may enter contests for the Student Award (grades 9-12) or the Poetry in the Classroom Award (grades 3-8) of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies' annual contest. These rules differ from IPA rules and must be followed carefully.

No entry fee. Jan 1 - March 15, 2021 only.

Find complete rules online at:

www.nfmps.com/poetry_contests.htm

or request brochure from:

Contest Chair Carla Jordan,
P. O. Box 2863 Evergreen, CO 80437-2863
ContestChair.nfmps@gmail.com