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## ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION

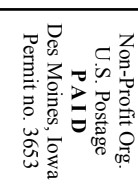
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The Iowa Poetry Association is a non-profit organization whose sole objective is to promote interest in and appreciation of poetry among Iowans through educational opportunities, poetry writing contests and the publication of our annual anthology of Iowa poetry, *Lyrical Iowa*.

- *Lyrical Iowa* is an annual book of up to 400 winning and other high-ranking contest poems, available at cost from editor, Marilyn Baszczynski, 16096 320th Way, Earlham, IA 50072. Delivery of books anticipated in October or November. Some previous editions are available. Check online at [iowapoetry.com](http://iowapoetry.com) or with the editor for availability and price.
- The IPA newsletter is published quarterly with news on events and members of the association, as well as submission and contest resources for poets and resources for teachers.
- The IPA LIVE! online program offers monthly mini-workshops on craft, Iowa poets, and much more, as well as quarterly readings.
- Bi-annual hybrid workshop in Des Moines for poem critique and craft discussion, with expert critics.
- Slam Poetry opportunities and competitions

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.

Send questions to [ipa@iowapoetry.com](mailto:ipa@iowapoetry.com).



**IOWA POETRY ASSOCIATION**  
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## Iowa Poetry Association's 79th Annual Contest General Rules - All Divisions

also available at [www.iowapoetry.com](http://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 Poems must be original and unpublished, including on-line and self publication.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, 2024 to editor for your division. Deadline: **February 28, 2024**
  9. Winners and others to be published in *Lyrical Iowa 2024* 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.
- Specific Rules for Adults and Students**

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## ADULT DIVISION

### TO SUBMIT:

**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, email, phone number, county, and if first-time entrant in contest**. Indicate each poem's category. Send to **contest@iowapoetry.com** by midnight **Feb. 28th**.

**Only if you DO NOT have email:** each poem must be on a separate 8 1/2"x11" sheet, 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, 2024**. Include SASE. Mail all together in business #10 envelope. **DO NOT** send registered mail. Send only ADULT ENTRIES to:

Marilyn Baszczynski, Editor,  
16096 320th Way, Earlham IA 50072.

### Read carefully for form and line limits:

**LUCILLE MORGAN WILSON POETRY AWARD:** Any subject in good taste, any form, 20-line limit. \$100, \$60, \$40

**GRANT WOOD POETRY PRIZE:** Inspired by any artwork by Grant Wood—paintings, lithographs, metalworks, jewelry, woodworking (*links & references at "Grant Wood" in Wikipedia*). Indicate title & source, but don't count line. Any form, 20-line limit. \$75, \$45, \$30

**TRADITIONAL FORMS:** Any subject, following recognized forms/variants of **ghazal, pantoum, sonnet or villanelle**, line limit as required by form but not to exceed 20. \$50, \$30, \$20

**NEW rules! HAIKU:** Seasonal reference, two-part juxtapositional structure, objective sensory imagery, no title, need not adhere to 5-7-5 form. \$50, \$30, \$20

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

**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

## 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.nfspd.com/cup.html>

Submit online at: [www.nfspd.com/college](http://www.nfspd.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

NFSPS Manningham Trust Student Poetry Award for all US students, junior division (gr. 6-8) and senior division (gr. 9-12). Poems may have been previously published and/or have won previous awards. Rules at <https://www.nfspd.com/manningham.html>

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, 2024 only.

Find complete rules online at:

[www.nfspd.com/poetry\\_contests.htm](http://www.nfspd.com/poetry_contests.htm)

or request brochure from:

Contest Chair Julie Cummings,  
ContestChair.nfspd@gmail.com