About the Contest

Express yourself in the form of poetry in English or Spanish! All qualified poems will be judged separately in each grade level category and language. Categories include grades: 2-5, 6-8, and 9-12. All poems will be judged on originality, creativity, clarity, and spelling. Three winners from each category and in each language will be selected. Winners will receive a prize and selected poems will be published in the official Youth Art & Poetry Anthology. All finalists will be notified in April 2024.

Rules

◆ All poets must be in grades 2-12.
◆ Poems must be the writer’s own work and written in either English or Spanish. Plagiarized poems or songs will be disqualified. No chat GPT or AI-assisted/written poems will be accepted.
◆ Poems must not exceed 20 lines.
◆ Handwritten entries must be legible. If judges cannot read the poet’s handwriting, the poem will be disqualified.
◆ Entries will not be returned.
◆ The participant’s information must be complete. All incomplete forms will be disqualified.
◆ Please write your name and grade on your poem and attach it to the entry form.
◆ The deadline for submitting poems is Saturday, March 30, 2024.
◆ Poems may be submitted online or at any open El Paso Public Library location. No late entries will be accepted.

Certifications

PLEASE READ & CHECK THE BOXES.

☐ I certify that the poem submitted is my own original work, and is not copied from any other source. I understand that if it is found that my poem is copied or plagiarized, my poem will be disqualified from the contest, and my school may be contacted by the poetry contest coordinators.

☐ All rights to poem will be retained by the El Paso Public Library. EPPL is granted permission to print and otherwise publish all poems.

Entry Form Please fill in all blanks & print neatly.

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Please attach your poem to the entry form