

# 2018 CONTEST RULES

## UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY

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1. POSTMARK DEADLINE: No earlier than December 1, 2017, no later than February 1, 2018.
2. To enter contest as a MEMBER, dues (\$30 regular; \$15 student) must be postmarked by January 5, 2018. Print a membership form from our website: [utahpoets.com](http://utahpoets.com), then mail with a check made to UTSPS to Rosalyn Ostler, 7685 Dell Rd, Salt Lake City, UT 84121. **DO NOT send membership dues to Contest Chair.**
3. EACH poem MUST:
  - a. be the original work of the contestant.
  - b. be **no longer** than 40 lines **unless otherwise indicated** in individual category. Line limit does NOT include title, epigraph, or blank lines. But **does** include stanza headings in words or numbers.
  - c. be **unpublished**, including electronically, at the deadline date (Feb. 1).
  - d. be titled except haiku category.
  - e. conform to the high standards of the UTSPS. Avoid slander, denigrations, negative discrimination, profanities or obscenities. Avoid plagiarism.
  - f. have not won a cash award in any Utah contest.
  - g. be entered in one category only. **Exception:** each unpublished poem included in the UTSPS Book Publication category may be entered in one numbered category.
4. Entry FEE per contestant:

**EACH PERSON ENTERING PAYS A \$5 ENTRY FEE, THEN:**

  - a. MEMBERS may enter one poem per category. Each MEMBER entering 14 or fewer poems pays an additional \$1 per poem. If entering 15 or more poems, the **total fee** is \$25. **Exception:** Shoot For The Loot category requires additional \$5 per poem. Wild Card Category requires additional \$2 per poem.
  - b. Each NONMEMBER entering pays a \$5 entry fee, **THEN** may enter one poem per category paying an additional \$3 per poem. **Exception:** Wild Card Category pay total of \$4 per poem entered.
  - c. Write ONE check or money order per poet, payable to UTSPS. Do NOT staple or tape entry fee.
  - d. Send only one poet's entries, unfolded, per envelope.
5. PREPARATION of entries:
  - a. No more than one poem per page. If a single poem is longer than one page, staple pages together.
  - b. Send two clear copies of each entry – black ink, standard font (Times New Roman or Courier New, 12 to 14 point) typed on 8½ x 11 white paper. No illustrations.
  - c. On BOTH copies, place category number and category name in upper LEFT corner.
  - d. On second copy only, place in the upper RIGHT corner: your name, address, phone number, e-mail address.
  - e. SEPARATE originals from author-identified copies. STACK each group in category numerical order.
  - f. Type ONE 8½ x 11 cover page with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail. ALL POEMS in your packet are DISQUALIFIED without this cover page.

List the **number** of each category entered and the title of poem(s) entered in each.  
Also list entry fee data. Example: Member basic fee: \$25.00  
3 poems Wild Card (\$2.00 each) \$6.00  
4 poems Shoot for Loot (\$5.00 each) \$20.00  
Total \$51.00
6. MAIL ALL POEMS, unfolded, and payment with author-identified copies on bottom, then plain originals, then cover sheet and entry fee check on top in ONE envelope. Additions sent separately will not be considered.

**VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE RULES WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.**

**Send to Contest Clerk: UTSPS Contest, Lorraine Jeffery, 411 West 1560 North, Orem UT 84057**

7. WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED first at the annual 2018 UTSPS April Awards Festival. After Festival, the Winners List is posted on our website: [www.utahpoets.com](http://www.utahpoets.com) and our blog: [utahpoetry.blogspot.com](http://utahpoetry.blogspot.com)

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### CATEGORIES

(Each category has a 40-line limit unless otherwise indicated.)

(CATEGORIES 1 THROUGH 19 ARE OPEN TO ALL)

#### 1. WILD CARD AWARD

Requires each poet to pay an **additional entry fee of \$2 per poem**. Any number of unpublished or published (if author retains rights) poems may be entered, except poems having previously won cash prizes in this Wild Card category. All fees become “the pot.” First place winner gets 30%, second place 25%, third place 20%. Remaining 25% goes to UTSPS.

Subject: any

Form: any Prizes: See above

#### 2. VERA BAKKER MEMORIAL

Sponsor: UTSPS and friends of Vera

Subject: The mountains. Not mere description, use poetic techniques.

Form: any Prizes: \$75, \$40, \$25

#### 3. CLERYNTH J. LARSON MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Candy Lish Fowler & Bill Fowler

Subject: Any (no explicit erotica or vulgarities)

Form: any, except no rhyming poetry Prizes: \$100, \$15, \$10

#### 4. BETTY FOWLER MEMORIAL - - *YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT*

Sponsor: Bill & Candy Lish Fowler

Subject: About the USA. Could be a hometown: a community event, noteworthy character, town tradition, but nothing to do with politics.

Form: any Prizes: \$75, \$30, \$20

#### 5. WEBB-KOHLER MEMORIAL

Sponsors: Dale H. and Joyce W. Kohler

Subject: tree or trees

Form: any Prize: \$55, \$40, \$30

#### 6. WORD WEAVERS AWARD

Sponsor: Word Weavers Chapter

Subject: Nostalgia – a bittersweet longing for things, situations, or persons of the past.

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$40, \$30

#### 7. KATHRYN KAY MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Valley Winds Chapter

Subject: The Environment and Us – environmental impacts/concerns we humans have on/for our world.

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$35, \$20

#### 8. ANNA PERSON MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Patricia Peterson

Subject: Language Barriers

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$35, \$15

9. TOMAS MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Greg Bulaj

Subject: poetry for children

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

10. CHARACTERS

Sponsor: LaVerna Johnson

Subject: A Biblical character

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

11. HONORING WOMEN

Sponsor: Marilyn Bushman-Carlton

Subject: A woman you know personally who has been an inspiration to you. Make it about her and her inspirational qualities, without slipping into sentimentalism.

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

12. ANN W. HAFEN MEMORIAL – under 40

For poets who are 40 or younger on the deadline date. (You know how old you are.)

Sponsor: Hafen Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: any

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

13. REDROCK WRITERS' FOUNDERS AWARD

To honor LaVerna B. Johnson and D. Gary Christian

Sponsor: Redrock Writers & Dixie Poets

Subject: unintended consequences

Form: any Prizes of \$35, \$25, \$15

14. LONG POEM

Sponsor: Judy Johns

Subject: any

Form: free verse Line limit: **minimum 40, maximum 100** Prizes: \$40, \$25, \$10

15. DAVID F AND ROBERT H BALPH MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Martha Balph

Subject: A poem about a wild creature or creatures, broadly defined to include subjects from whales to hummingbirds or insects. If the poem is about a domestic animal, it should focus on the wild creature in that animal.

Form: any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

16. WOOD MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Marilyn Richardson

Subject: Wait for me

Form: any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

17. TANKA

Sponsor: Grace & Eric Read

Subject: any

Form: Traditional Japanese form of 5 lines using a syllable count of 5,7,5,7,7, OR it may be written in 5-line form using: short, long, short, long, long, with total syllable count between 19 and 31. Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

18. HUNGRY POETS

Sponsor: Hungry Poets

Subject: any

Form: Golden Shovel: This form takes a line or lines from another poem and uses each word in order as the end word of each line in a new poem. Look online for poem form created by Terrence Hayes.

Prizes: \$40, \$20, \$10

19. PAT BADER AND PAT KIMBER MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Bob Bader

Subject: poetry for children

Form: any

Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

20. DANIEL SETH MORRISE AWARD (FOR UTAH RESIDENTS ONLY)

Sponsor: Martha Morrise

Subject: A child on your family tree who has experienced adversity.

Line Limit: No less than 30, no more than 40 lines

Form: free verse (emphasis on alliteration and metaphor)

Prizes: \$50, \$40, \$30

21. INTRODUCTION CATEGORY (NONMEMBER, UTAH RESIDENTS ONLY)

UTAH RESIDENTS who have never been members of UTSPS are eligible.

Sponsor: UTSPS

Subject: any

Form: any

**First Prize:** Membership in UTSPS and NFSPS for the rest of 2018 and 2019. This includes full contesting privileges, *Panorama*, with right to submit for publication, state and national newsletters, contest and workshop notices, free critiques for 12 poems per year, and a copy of the UTSPS Award Book, for both 2018 and 2019.

**Second Prize:** Membership in UTSPS through December 31, 2018. This includes *Panorama*, with submission rights, post-April newsletters, contest and workshop notices, free critiques for 12 poems, and a copy of the UTSPS Award book available October 2018.

**Third Prize:** One book of your choice from past winning books in the book award category. If you are not present at the April Awards Festival, a book will be selected for you and mailed to you.

CATEGORIES 22 THROUGH 32 ARE FOR UTSPS PAID MEMBERS ONLY

22. \$HOOT FOR THE LOOT (Members only)

Sponsor: UTSPS

Entry fee: **\$5 per poem** (no limit on number of entries). **Entering this category gives permission for publication.** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place poems **will be published** in the *Panorama*.

Subject: any

Form: any

Prizes: \$200, \$100, \$50

23. ZARA SABIN MEMORIAL (Members only)

Sponsor: Zara Sabin Memorial Fund

Subject: The Personal Poem. An expression of a spontaneous, intense, personal emotion. Imagery and metaphor should be used to develop and enrich expression and impact of the basic emotion.

Form: any

**Line limit: no more than 24**

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

24. LEROY MEAGHER HUMOR (Members only)

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: any humorous — make us giggle, chuckle, or laugh.

Form: any

Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

25. DOROTHY & L. PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL (Members only)  
 Sponsor: Roberts Memorial Fund UTSPS  
 Subject: An upbeat expression showing awareness of the beauty in the world around us.  
 Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
26. SHORT POEM – VESTA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL (Members only)  
 Sponsor: Crawford Memorial Fund UTSPS  
 Subject: any serious  
 Form: any **Line limit: minimum 6, maximum 12** Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
27. LLOYD MURRAY LIGHT VERSE (Members only)  
 Sponsor: Lloyd Murray Memorial Fund UTSPS  
 Subject: any  
 Form: true **light verse**, rhymed, metered, and humorous. **Line limit: no more than 8** Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
28. LEROY MEAGHER SONNET (Members only)  
**(Place sonnet form under category number and name)**  
 Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund UTSPS  
 Subject: any  
 Form: Use correct Shakespearean, Petrarchan, or Beymorlin forms only. Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
29. NORMA ASPLUND MEMORIAL (Members only)  
 Sponsor: Bill Asplund  
 Subject: Poem about teaching young people.  
 Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
30. LOVE POEM (Members only)  
 Sponsor: Kolette Montague  
 Subject: love (no explicit erotica or vulgarities)  
 Form: any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10
31. WHITAKER AWARD (Members only)  
 Sponsor: Rosalyn Ostler  
 For UTSPS member poets who have not won over \$50 in contesting. Check to make sure! Use specific concrete imagery.  
 Subject: any  
 Form: any Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
32. HAIKU (Members only)  
 Sponsor: UTSPS  
 Subject: any  
 Any style or form of three-line Haiku is acceptable. Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
- ALICE MORREY BAILEY SWEEPSTAKES (Members only)  
 Sponsor: UTSPS  
 A Certificate will be awarded to the UTSPS member accumulating the most points for winning entries (1<sup>st</sup> place 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 3 points.)

For more information, contact General Contest Chair: Kolette Montague at either poetkmm@msn.com or (801)292-0283.

UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY BOOK PUBLICATION AWARD 2018

Sponsor: Johnson Family Foundation and friends of the Laureates

Administrator: UTSPS Laureates (Past Poets of the Year)

Each Book of the Year is published in *perfect bound* paperback format. **Entrants should understand that winning the contest will necessitate an arduous few months, as time and effort go into preparing the manuscript and completing publication.**

POSTMARK DEADLINE: February 1, 2018.

**NO MANUSCRIPT WILL BE RETURNED**

POEMS MUST:

- A. be solely the work of the entrant, who has been a **resident** of Utah for three consecutive years prior to the contest, and a **paid member** of UTSPS for the entire years of 2016 and 2017, and renewed by Jan. 5, 2018.
- B. show originality in thought and expression of language.
- C. use imagery and show knowledge of poetic technique.

MANUSCRIPT MUST:

- A. contain 50 numbered pages of poems (no more or less). Poems may be published and unpublished, but manuscript as a whole must be original and unpublished.
- B. be single-spaced in clear black type.
- C. have no more than one poem per page, on one side of paper.
- D. have no more than 32 lines per page, with longer poems continued on subsequent page(s).
- E. contain a title page and a table of contents, not to be counted with the 50 pages of poems.
- F. conform to the high standards of the UTSPS. Avoid slander, denigrations, negative discrimination, profanities or obscenities. Avoid plagiarism.
- G. have no illustrations, no bulky folders or binders, nor be bound or stapled. Please fasten with a binder clip.
- H. contain no author identification. **BUT** a 3x5 card with manuscript title and author contact information must be included.

MANUSCRIPT MAY:

- A. have section pages, not to be counted in the 50 pages of poems.
- B. contain previously published individual poems (permission for use not needed at this time).
- C. include poems which have won cash prizes.
- D. contain poems which vary from traditional to modern.
- E. include poems with a light touch, but a complete collection of light verse or cowboy poetry is not considered.

The Book Publication Committee reserves the right to adjust the format of the winning book, if necessary.

Winner **must be available through the summer** of 2018 while the book is being prepared and printed and must also attend certain special events. Winner must be present for the reading of the book at the October 2018 Poetry Concert. This may be waived or modified in extenuating circumstances, at the discretion of the Book Publication Committee and the president of UTSPS.

Prizes: First: Publication and 50 copies of book Second: \$50 Laureates Award Third: \$25 awarded by UTSPS

Poet may submit one entry only. Previous first-place Book Publication Award winners are not eligible.

Reading fee: \$20 check or money order, payable to UTSPS

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**ANY VIOLATION OF THE RULES DISQUALIFIES THE ENTER**