

**PLEASE GIVE PROMPTLY TO APPROPRIATE
DEPARTMENTS/TEACHERS**

Each Year the Utah State Poetry Society sponsors this program for Utah students.

**In 2011 over 1400 students took the opportunity to develop and be recognized for their
creative writing skills.**

Several won cash prizes and their creative works were published.

JUNIOR CREATIVE POETRY CONTEST 2012

Sponsored by the UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY

Contest for students grades 1 through 12 in Utah public, private, and home schools only.

Assisted by the *Utah Division of Arts and Museums* and affiliated with the
National Federation of State Poetry Societies and
THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

DEADLINE: All entries must be postmarked after January 1, 2012
but no later than February 15, 2012

Please send entries to:

Keith Yorgason
666 Vista Drive
Fruit Heights, UT 84037

Phone: (801) 544-9375

State winners: Judges will select state winners from each division. These all-state winners will be notified and honored at the annual Junior Creative Awards Festival in April. Prizes, certificates, and an anthology of the prize-winning poems will be awarded, and professional readers will read the poems. Some poems may be published in the *Salt Lake Tribune*.

Some winning poems in the ‘C’, ‘D’, and ‘E’ divisions will also be entered in the National Manningham Student Poetry Contest, sponsored by the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. This is a national contest.

We suggest that teachers emphasize that students are not to plagiarize poetry, no matter the source. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student’s individual creativity, except for poetry prompts and editing, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is prohibited. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. Plagiarism is defined as “to take and use” another person’s ideas and writings as one’s own to alter, change, or enhance his/her poems. Please note the Certificate of Originality at the end of this package.

JUNIOR CREATIVE POETRY CONTEST-2012 DIVISIONS

- A) Grades 1 and 2
- B) Grades 3 through 5
- C) Grades 6 through 8
- D) Grades 9 and 10
- E) Grades 11 and 12

Cash prizes and awards are given on the state level only. All winners will receive certificates and an anthology of the winning poems. In Division 'A', ten winners will receive \$10 each. In divisions 'B', 'C', 'D', and 'E', winners will receive 1st place \$40, 2nd place \$30, 3rd place \$20, and Honorable Mentions: \$15.

A special award, the C. Cameron Johns award, in honor of the late Mr. Johns, founder of the Utah State High School Poetry Contest, will also be given. A special plaque and \$50 will be awarded to the student in division D or E whose poem best exemplifies the C. Cameron Johns tradition of emotional impact, clarity of thought, and precision of technique.

CONTEST RULES:

Contest is open to UTAH students in school districts, public, private or home schools, grades 1-12 and postmarked no earlier than January 1, 2012 and no later than February 15, 2012. **THE ENTRY MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE STUDENT. DO NOT COPY OR USE ALL OR PART OF SOMEONE ELSE'S POEM.** "Found poems" will not be considered. A quote from a poem used as an epigraph, giving credit to the author; is acceptable.

Poems may be in any style or form: rhymed, unrhymed, free verse, traditional, etc.

Each student may enter only one poem.

Poems must be no longer than 40 lines (not including title or spaces), limited to 1 page.

Each poem should be neatly typed or computer-generated with standard type such as New York, Times Roman, or Helvetica in 10- or 12- point type. Entries should not be illustrated or use other graphic art.

Send two copies of the poem; also, save one for your own records. No entries will be returned. Send copies together, but do not staple or paper clip.

A) No Name or identification of first copy. On upper left, put:

Grade

Division

School District (Private and home-school entries should indicate the public school district in which they are geographically located to assist the committee in organizing and sorting entries.)

B) Second, ID copy only, must include:

Full name of poet (Legal name only, no pen names allowed.)

Grade and Division

School District

Complete home address and phone number

Name and phone number of school

Teacher's full name

Teacher's school E-mail address

Signed Certificate of Originality by student verifying that his/her work is original and has not been copied in whole or part from another author's work, including poems on the internet. *Winning poems become the property of Utah State Poetry Society for publishing in the anthology of winners and on the Utah State Poetry Society website. Subsequent to publication, ownership reverts to the author.*

Please follow this format exactly. See example below.

Susan Graham

Grade 9

Division D

Harper Valley School District

333 N 300 W bean Blossom, Utah, 84000

801-123-4567

Harper Valley high School 801-123-0000

Teacher: Mrs. Ada Adler

Aadler@abc.edu.net

Teachers: Please mail all entries in one or more 10x12 envelope(s). Do not have students send them. Thanks!

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGINALITY

I certify that this poem is my own original work and is not copied in part or whole from any other source.

Student's Name _____ Date _____

Title of Poem _____ Date _____

To the best of my knowledge, this is the original work of the aforementioned student.

Parent _____ Date _____

Teacher _____ Date _____

This form, properly signed, must accompany and be attached to each ID copy.

