

# UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY

# 2022 CONTEST RULES

Supported in part by the Utah Division of Arts & Museums,  
with funding from the State of Utah and the National Endowment for the Arts,  
and affiliated with the National Federation of State Poetry Societies.

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1. ANY POEM SUBMITTED MUST:

- a. be the original work of the contestant.
- b. be unpublished in any form, including electronically, on the submission deadline date, Feb 1.
- c. not have won a cash prize in any contest.
- d. have a **40 line limit** (printed lines) for all categories not stating line limit. Line limit does NOT include title, epigraph, or blank lines. But does include stanza headings in words or numbers.
- e. be titled, except haiku or tanka.
- f. be typed or computer generated. No illustrations.
- g. category needs to receive a minimum of 10 entries to be a valid contest.

**No poems will be returned. Poet should retain copies.**

2. EXCEPT AS INDICATED in \$hoot for the Loot and Wild Card categories, entrants may submit only one entry in any category, and may not submit the same poem in any other category.  
Exception: Each unpublished and/or non-cash Utah winner poem included in the Book Publication contest may be entered in one category.
3. CHECK OR MONEY ORDER enclosed must be made payable to UTSPS (initials sufficient) rather than to any individual.
4. Each poet entering pays a \$5 entry fee, THEN
  - a. Non-members may enter categories at \$3 each (except Wild Card category, \$5 per poem). Non-members may not enter contests which are designated "members only."
  - b. Members may enter up to 15 categories for \$1 per poem, or \$15 total for entry in more than 15 categories [except \$hoot for the Loot (\$5 per poem) and Wild Card (\$2 per poem)] categories.
5. "MEMBERS ONLY" eligible if a paid-up member of UTSPS by January 5<sup>th</sup> of current contest year. Dues (\$30 regular; \$15 student) must be postmarked by January 5, current year. Print a membership form from our website: [utahpoets.com](http://utahpoets.com), then mail to address on form with a check for membership made to UTSPS.
6. WHEN TO SUBMIT POEMS:
  - a. Contest starting date: entries **must not** be postmarked before December 1st of year preceding contest year.
  - b. Contest deadline: entries **must be postmarked on or before February 1** of contest year.

7. HOW TO SUBMIT POEMS:

- a. **Send two copies of the poem**, typed, photocopied, or computer-generated, on 8.5" x 11" white paper, in black ink, single-spaced. Use standard font similar to **Times New Roman or Courier New 12 to 14 point**. If a poem requires more than one page, staple together at the top left corner all pages of each copy.
- b. On **BOTH copies**, place number and name of contest in upper left corner.
- c. On **second copy only**, place name, address, phone number, and E-mail address of poet in upper right corner.
- d. Separate originals from duplicates and stack in numerical order **(1-35)** with originals on top.
- e. **Cover page: ALL POEMS in your packet are DISQUALIFIED** without cover page.
  - i. Type ONE 8½ x 11 cover page with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail.
  - ii. List the **number** of each category entered and the title of poem(s) entered in each.

Also list entry fee data.

An Example for Nonmembers: Entry Fee \$5.00

3 poems Any Category except Wild Card or \$hoot for the Loot (\$3.00 each) \$9.00

2 poems Wild Card (\$5.00 each) \$10.00

Not eligible for \$hoot for the Loot

Total \$24.00

An Example for Members Only: Entry fee: \$5.00

3 poems Any Category Members Only except Wild Card or \$hoot for the Loot (\$1.00 each) \$3.00

2 poems Wild Card (\$2.00 each) \$4.00

2 poems \$hoot for Loot (\$5.00 each) \$10.00

Total \$22.00

Mail all entries at one time, unfolded, in a large envelope, including the cover sheet and entry fee. Mail to the Contest Clerk by First Class, Priority Mail or any form of delivery that does NOT require a signature upon receipt.

Mail Entries to:

**UTSPS CONTEST, LORRAINE JEFFERY,  
411 WEST 1560 NORTH,  
OREM, UT 84057**

Additions sent separately will not be considered.

The UTSPS will not assume mailing costs, nor be responsible for any entries lost or delayed in the mail.

***VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE RULES LEADS TO DISQUALIFICATION.***

# CATEGORIES

(CATEGORIES 1 THROUGH 23 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. ANN C. LARSON MEMORIAL

Sponsors: Candy Lish & Bill Fowler

**Subject: Any (nothing to do with politics, no explicit erotica or vulgarities).**

Form: Any, except no prose.

**Lines: 50 maximum**

**Prizes: \$100, \$35, \$15**

## 3. BETTY FOWLER MEMORIAL - - YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT

Sponsors: 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

**Lines: 42 maximum**

**Prizes: \$75, \$30, \$20**

## 4. VALLEY WINDS AWARD

Sponsor: Valley Winds Chapter

**Subject: Kindness**

Form: Any

**Prizes: \$70, \$40, \$20**

## 5. POET'S WORK

Sponsor: Paul Ford & Marie Andrews

**Subject: Life as Other**

Form: Persona Poem

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

## 6. VAUGHN J. BARNEY MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Kim Barney

**Subject: Life on the farm**

Form: Rhymed and Metered

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

## **7. GRACE C. BARNEY MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Grace Diane Jessen

**Subject: A story or character from the scriptures**

Form: Any

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

## **8. ANIMAL ACROSTIC SQUARE POEM – Correction made 12/30/21**

Sponsor: Kim Barney

**Subject: Living creature**

Form: A square poem which must have the same number of syllables per line as the number of lines in the poem. In other words, if there are seven lines in the poem, then there must be seven syllables per line. Ten lines in the poem would necessitate ten syllables per line, etc.

The first letter of each line should spell out the name of an animal. Each line should hopefully tell something about that animal. Rhyme optional.

**Lines: 5 Minimum-12 Maximum**

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

## **9. A FAIRY TALE CHARACTER – HONORING DR. SHELDON B. JOHNSON**

Sponsor: LaVerna Johnson

**Subject: Eye doctor character**

Form: Any

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

## **10. WEBB-KOHLER AWARD**

Sponsor: Dale H and Joyce V. Kohler

**Subject: Any**

Form: Any

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

## **11. REDROCK WRITERS FOUNDERS AWARD**

Sponsor: Redrock Writers

**Subject: Bones**

Form: Free verse

**Prizes: \$35, \$25 \$15**

## **12. DAVID F. AND ROBERT H. BALPH MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Martha H. 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**

## **13. AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE AWARD**

Sponsor: Martha H. Balph

**Subject: A poem about, or relating to American Indians – history, contemporary issues, arts, or spirituality.**

Form: Any

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

#### **14. RICHIE LOPEZ MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Marissa Alvarez

**Subject:** Pandemic- Honest, personal experiences, expressing social awareness

Form: Any

Lines: No limit

**Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10**

#### **15. PAT BADER'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Sponsor: Bob Bader

**Subject:** Children

Form: Any

**Prizes: \$50, \$25, \$15**

#### **16. BROWN DANIELS MEMORIAL AWARD**

Sponsor: Markay Brown

**Subject:** The Best of times

Form: Free Verse

**Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$30**

#### **17. PAUSE FOR POETRY**

Sponsor: Steven Leitch

**Subject:** Any

Form: Any

**Lines:** Maximum 24

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

#### **18. WORD WEAVERS**

Sponsor: Word Weavers

**Subject:** Any

Form: Any

**Prizes: \$70, \$50, \$30**

#### **19. NARRVAL E. HALL MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Michael L. Hanson

**Subject:** Law, Justice, Freedom or America

Form: Free Verse

**Lines:** Any

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

#### **20. NARRVAL E. HALL AVOCATION MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Michael L. Hanson

**Subject:** Western culture, cowboy life, cowboy humor, farm or ranch life or anecdotes

Form: Any

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

#### **21. LONG POEM**

Sponsor: Judith Johns

**Subject:** Any

Form: Free Verse

**Lines:** Minimum 40 Maximum 100

**Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$20**

## **22. CELEBRATING A SMALL TOWN CHILDHOOD**

Sponsor: Marilyn Bushman-Carlton

**Subject:** A poem dedicated, preferably by relating a descriptive but not didactic experience that took place in a small town. Besides avoiding sentimentalism, the sky's the limit.

Form: Any

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

## **23. INTRODUCTION CATEGORY (NON-MEMBER, 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 2021 and 2022. 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 2021 and 2022.

**Second Prize:** Membership in UTSPS through December 31, 2021. 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 2021.

**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.

## **24. ANN W. HAFEN MEMORIAL– FOR STUDENTS**

For: K - 12 Students (One entry per poet)

Three entry groups: A- grades K- 4th, B- grades 5th - 8th, C- grades 9th - 12th

Sponsor: Hafen Memorial Fund UTSPS

**Subject:** Any

Form: Any

Special instructions: Students need no cover sheet or entry fee, but two copies of poem must be submitted. No identification on first copy, except Grade Level Category - (A, B or C) in upper left corner. Identification copy must include, in upper left corner: Grade level category: (A, B, or C). Poet's name, address, telephone and or email (to contact about win). Signature of sponsor (UTSPS member, parent/guardian, or teacher). This person is a witness that the poem is the original work of the student.

**Each grade in each school may send up to ten poems total, following all the above rules.**

**Prizes:** \$20, \$10, \$5 in each entry group

## **CATEGORIES 25 THROUGH 40 ARE FOR UTSPS PAID MEMBERS ONLY**

## **25. UTAH HIGHWAY 89**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: Carolyn Taylor

**Subject: Utah Highway 89**

Form: Any

**Prizes: \$55, \$40, \$30**

**26. HAIKU**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: UTSPS

**Subject: Any**

Any style or form of three-line Haiku is acceptable. No sequences.

**Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10**

**27. KOLETTE MONTAGUE MEMORIAL**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: UTSPS

**Subject: Love (no explicit erotica or vulgarities)**

Form: Any

**Prizes: \$70, \$40, \$30**

**28. ERIC READ MEMORIAL**

**(Members only)**

Sponsors UTSPS

**Subject Any**

Form Any

**Prizes: \$70, \$40, \$30**

**29. KOLETTE MONTAGUE MEMORIAL AWARD**

**(Members only)**

Sponsors: Rhyme & Reason Chapter and friends

**Subject: Ordinary Everyday Things**

Form: Any

**Prizes: \$80, \$50, \$30**

**30. 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: maximum 24**

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

**31. MEAGHER MEMORIAL FUND UTSPS**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: MEAGHER Memorial Fund

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

Form: Any

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

**32. DOROTHY & L. PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: Roberts Memorial Fund

**Subject: An upbeat expression showing awareness of the beauty in the world around us.**

Form: Any

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

**33. SHORT POEM – VESTA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL (Members only)**

Sponsor: Crawford Memorial Fund

**Subject: Any serious subject.**

Form: Any

**Lines: 6 minimum, 12 maximum**

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

**34. LLOYD MURRAY LIGHT VERSE (Members only)**

Sponsor: Lloyd Murray Memorial Fund

**Subject: Any**

Form: True light verse, rhymed, metered, humorous.

**Line limit: maximum 8**

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

**35. LEROY MEAGHER SONNET (Members only)**

**(Place sonnet form under category number and name)**

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund

**Subject: Any**

Form: Use correct Shakespearean, Petrarchan, or Beymorlin forms only. **Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20**

**36. NORMA ASPLUND MEMORIAL (Members only)**

Sponsor: Bill Asplund

**Subject: My Best Friend**

Form: Any

**Prizes \$50, \$25, \$25**

**37. LEFT TO WRITE (Members only)**

Sponsor: Pam Tucker

**Subject: On the Move**

Form: Any

**Prizes \$60, \$30, \$20**

**38. C. S. WATTS MEMORIAL (Members only)**

Sponsor: Juanita Watts

**Subject: Love**

Form: Sonnet

**Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$30**

**39. IN MEMORY OF ERIC READ (Members only)**

**Sponsor Ben Lomond Chapter**

**Subject Patriotism**

Form: Any

**Prizes \$50, \$25, \$25**

**40. \$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. Winning poem will be published** in the *Panorama*.



**Subject: Any**

Form: Any

**Prize: \$150**

**ALICE MORREY SWEEPSTAKES**

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.)**

**There is no UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY BOOK PUBLICATION AWARD for this year.**

**Please consider applying for next year.**