

RULES & FEES

- Entries must not be published anywhere, including social media and blogs.
- Must be original work of the contestant.
- 1 poem per category, except category 1.
- Sponsors may enter their own category.
- Blank lines are not counted in the line limit.
- All poems except haiku must be titled.
- Poems must be typed on 8.5" x 11" paper.
- One poem per page. One poem may exceed one page, but one page must not contain more than one poem.
- Title every page of a poem.
- Do not use staples or paper clips.
- Poems must not contain copyright marks or artwork of any kind.
- Poems will not be published or returned.

Member Fees: ~~_____~~ **Nonmember Fees:** ~~_____~~
\$1 /poem in any category. \$2 /poem in any category.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- No entries accepted before May 1, 2025.
- Prepare 2 copies of each poem: 1 named & 1 unnamed.
- No identifying marks on the unnamed copy.
- On named & unnamed: In the upper left corner of the page, put the category number and title of Award.
- On the named: In the upper right corner, add Name, Address, Email & League membership status. (member or nonmember)
- Include all the poems for all categories and a check for the appropriate fees in one mailing.
- Make check payable to League of MN Poets.
- Send to: Contest Chair
P.O. Box 17344
Minneapolis, MN 55417

OR

Email submissions to:
mnpoetscontest@gmail.com
And pay at mnpoets.com

16. Travel Award

Prizes: \$30 \$20 \$10

Subject: Travel

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler
In Honor of Hellmut Schmidt-Baeumler

17. Great River Award

Prizes: \$30 \$20 \$10

Subject: Water

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Great River Poets

18. Coral Peterson Memorial Award

Prizes: \$30 \$20 \$10

Subject: Seasons

Form: Any Line Limit: 40

Sponsor: Linda White

19. Heartland Poets Award

Prizes: \$25 \$15 \$10

Subject: A Place Poem

Form: Any Line Limit: 30

Sponsor: Heartland Poets

20. Gala Award

Prizes: \$25 \$15 \$10

Subject: Roaring 20s

Form: Any Line Limit: 30

Sponsor: Poetry Contest GALA

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Closes July 31st, 2025

Prizes Awarded at Gala
November 8, 2025
Embassy Suites
Bloomington, MN

1. Doris Stengel Memorial Grand Prize Award
Prizes: \$200 \$150 \$100
Subject: Any Form: Any Line Limit: 50
Limit 8 Poems
\$1 per poem -- Members fee
\$2 per poem -- Nonmembers fee
Sponsor: Family & Friends of
Doris Stengel

2. Stevens Family Award
Prizes: \$125 \$80 \$45
Subject: Connections
Form: Any Line Limit: 50
Sponsor: Stevens/Chambers Family

3. Mike Finley Humor Award
Prizes: \$100 \$75 \$25
Subject: Satire
Form: Free Verse or Prose Poem
Line Limit: 50 Sponsor: Poets & Pints

4. Audrey Wiebold Memorial
Prizes: \$100 \$75 \$50
Subject: Prairies
Form: Any Line Limit: 40
Sponsor: Henry Panowitsch

5. Blizzard Writers Award
Prizes: \$80 \$50 \$30
Subject: House and/or Home
Form: Any Line Limit: 40
Sponsor: Blizzard Retreat

6. Hermit Award
Prizes: \$75 \$50 \$25
Subject: Hermit
Form: Lyric Line Limit: 50
Sponsor: Steven & Mary Vogel

7. Woodtick Poets Award
Prizes: \$80 \$50 \$30
Subject: Work
Form: Any Line Limit: 50
Sponsor: Woodtick Writers Retreat

8. Florence Hynes Willette Memorial
Prizes: \$60 \$40 \$25
Subject: Humor
Form: Any Line Limit: 40
Sponsor: Mary Willette Hughes

9. Sassy.Image Award
Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
Subject: Erotica
Form: Any Line Limit: 40
Sponsor: Sassy.Image

10. SMPS Award
Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
Subject: Any
Form: Narrative Line Limit: 40
Sponsor: Southern MN Poets Society

11. The Yarn Spinner Award
Prizes: \$50 \$35 \$20
Subject: Tall Tales & Shaggy Dog
Form: Any Line Limit: 50
Sponsor: American School of Storytelling

12. John & Helen Pappas Memorial
Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
Subject: Voice of a Relative
Form: Persona Poem Line Limit: 40
Sponsor: Charmaine Pappas Donovan

13. SEMN Poets Award
Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
Subject: Off the Highway
Form: Any Line Limit: 40
Sponsor: Southeastern MN Poets

14. Positivity Award
Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
Subject: A Saving Grace
Form: Any Line Limit: 35
Sponsor: Susan McMillan

15. Steinography Award
Prizes: \$50 \$20 \$10
Subject: Ekphrastic - artwork at
steinography.com
Form: Any Line Limit: 40
Sponsor: Steinography