



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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Danbury Cultural Commission Poetry Contest

February 2020

ELIGIBILITY

The Danbury Cultural Commission invites Danbury students in grades 9 through 12 to enter our **52nd Annual Poetry Contest**. The contest is also open to any writers who do not formally attend a high school but are between the ages of 14 through 18. Any high school aged student may enter, but a student must have a social security number filed with the City of Danbury to receive a cash prize.

POEM PARAMETERS

- Any theme or form of verse, may not exceed 200 lines.
- School appropriate language and subject is required.
- No more than 2 poems per author should be submitted.
- Poems in non-English must have a written English translation.
- Students of winning submissions must be prepared to read the poem aloud and then give a brief (50 word) description of their inspiration for it.

SUBMISSION RULES (electronic submissions) (Preferred)

- Submissions go to the School Coordinator who will forward all stories at the submission deadline. NO STORIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE CULTURAL COMMISSION.
 - The writer's name, address, phone number, school and grade should appear on the top of the entry. (The Commission will remove the identifying information and replace it with a code.)
 - The poem should be typed and double spaced.
 - Submissions should be *.DOC, *.DOCX, or *.txt format. (*.PDF is not acceptable, for formatting reasons.)
 - Poems previously printed or appearing in other publications are not eligible.
- (Authors must control their copyright.)
- No entries will be returned.

SUBMISSION RULES (physical submissions)

- The writer's name should not appear on the entry.
 - The poem should be typed and double spaced.
 - A 3x5 card with author's name, address, phone number, school and grade should be attached to the entry for identification purposes.
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WHERE TO SEND SUBMISSIONS

Electronic submissions should be **gathered** together **by the school coordinator** and sent in as few emails as possible, as attachments, to G.Wencek@Danbury-CT.gov. Students should NOT send submissions directly to the Cultural Commission.

Physical submissions should be gathered together by the school coordinator and delivered to Mr. Gregory Wencek, Cultural Commission Coordinator, 256 Main Street, Danbury, CT 06810. Students should NOT send submissions directly to the Cultural Commission.

For additional information, contact Mr. Gregory Wencek Monday or Wednesday, 4:00 P.M to 6:00 P.M. at 203-797-4508 or Coordinator@DanburyArts.com anytime.

PRIZES

A total of \$500 in prizes may be awarded. NOTE: In the event of an author having multiple entries selected, only one cash award, of the highest amount, will be given. The next runner up will be awarded the next prize level.

- First Prize is \$200.
- Second prize \$125.
- Third Prize \$75.
- POSSIBLE Honorable Mention \$50 prizes may also be awarded.

The deadline for poetry entries is **tentatively** April 3, 2020.

The winners will be invited to share their poems at a celebratory reception.

The Danbury Cultural Commission reserves the right to compile entries for publication.