

*The Poet Laureate Award is given by the family of Kathryn Stripling Byer, North Carolina's first woman poet laureate.*

### Eligible Contestants

- The contest is open to all North Carolina students in grades 6-8 and 9-12. Student poets must have a staff sponsor from his/her school to enter the contest. **Staff sponsors must be members of NCETA.**

### Awards Given

- The high school winner will receive \$250.00 and a copy of the winning poem printed on a broadside.
- The high school second place writer will receive \$50.00.
- The middle school winner will receive \$250.00 and a copy of the winning poem printed on a broadside.
- The middle school second place writer will receive \$50.00.
- All winners will be recognized by North Carolina's poet laureate at NCETA's annual conference.
- All winning and honorable mention poems will be published on the NCETA and the NC Arts Council websites.

### Requirements

- The number of entries allowed per school is determined by enrollment:
  - Up to 500 (one entry); 501-1000 (two entries); 1001-1500 (three entries); and above 1500 (four entries).
- Poems must be 40 lines or fewer.
- The entry must be *typed* and submitted in electronic format.
- No photos, please.
- **School staff sponsor must be a member of NCETA.**

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## Contest Entry

**Deadline for entry is June 30, 2019.**

***Please note, for the entry to be eligible, you must follow these procedures:***

1. Complete the entry forms before the June 30 deadline.
2. Submit entry forms and contest entries in digital format via email attachment or Google Drive to [hforbis@cctlec.org](mailto:hforbis@cctlec.org) by June 30, 2019. The signatures and certifications sections of the entry form must include actual signatures from the student author, the student's parent/guardian and **a staff sponsor who is a current member of NCETA**. This page can be printed, signatures added, scanned as a JPEG or PDF for digital submission. **Typed signatures will not be accepted.**
3. Once NCETA's Writing Contest Director receives all completed contest submissions and entry materials, both school staff sponsor and student will be contacted via email to confirm receipt. **PLEASE do not email or call to confirm receipt of entries. If you do not receive a confirmation receipt within a week of submission, assume your entry was not received and resubmit.**
4. Student work for contest submission may be submitted in the following ways:
  - a. PDF or Microsoft Word file as an email attachment to [hforbis@cctlec.org](mailto:hforbis@cctlec.org)
  - b. via Google Drive. Share with [hforbis@cctlec.org](mailto:hforbis@cctlec.org)
  - c. PDF format is preferred.

For other questions, contact:

Heather Forbis, NCETA Writing Contest Director

[hforbis@cctlec.org](mailto:hforbis@cctlec.org)

<http://www.ncenglishteachersassociation.org/writing-contests/>

**Student Entrant Information**

Title of Entry:

Number of Words:

Student's Name:

Student Email:

Student Home Address (Street):

City:

Zip Code:

Student Phone:

Parents/Guardians:

Local Newspaper:

Newspaper Address:

**Entries cannot be returned.**

**School and Teacher Information**

Teacher's Name:

Teacher Email:

School Name:

Enrollment:

School Address:

City:

County:

Zip Code:

Phone:

## Signatures and Certifications

I certify that the enclosed entry is my original work, not plagiarized from my own published or others' published or unpublished work. I phrased and formatted all revisions on my own. I give NCETA permission to publish my entry in its journal and on its website.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I give NCETA permission to publish my son/daughter's name and entry in its journal and on its website. I also give NCETA permission to publish his/her name and school information in its conference program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, this is the original work of my student whose name appears above. The submission abides by the criteria set forth in the guidelines for this contest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***Do not write below this point (for NCETA only).***

NCETA District \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant # \_\_\_\_\_