

## CONTEST RULES

(Read carefully. Any violation will disqualify entry.)

- Any poem submitted must:
  - be the original work of the contestant, unpublished in any form, including electronically and placed on exhibition, not under consideration or accepted for publication. (Award will be recalled if a winning poem is found to be in violation of rules before publication in the NFSPS anthology of prize poems, and lower prizes and honorable mentions will move up in classification.);
  - be written in English, be titled, unless the poem is a haiku or another form that is supposed to be untitled;
  - have a 40 line limit for all contests not stating line limit. Line count includes every line, both **printed and blank**, except the title and its following space.
  - be typed or computer generated (not handwritten or hand printed) and without illustrations.
- Poets give NFSPS exclusive first printing rights to all poems entered in the NFSPS annual contests. Poems winning a cash prize of \$15 or more will be printed in the NFSPS prize poems anthology, *Encore*, at the discretion of the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to alter line breaks in poems having more than 50 characters per line, including punctuation marks and spaces. Printing rights revert to the poet after the anthology is published (approx. August of 2022). Printing rights to poems winning less than \$15 (or no prize) revert to the poet after the list of winners is published in the August 2022 NFSPS newsletter, *Strophes*. All prize winners will be notified, and others may obtain a list of winners in August 2022 by sending \$1 and a #10 SASE to:

Paul Ford, *Strophes* Editor  
10239 Hickory Point Dr., Sandy, UT 84092

No poems will be returned, so poets should retain copies.
- An eligible poem **may not be withdrawn** after submission.
- Except as indicated in Contest 1 – NFSPS Founders Award, contestants may submit only one entry in any contest, and may not submit the same poem in any other contest.
- Check or money order enclosed must be made payable to NFSPS, Inc. (initials are sufficient) rather than to any individual.
  - Non-members may enter most contests at \$1 each (except \$5 for each entry in Contest 1 – NFSPS Founders Award). Non-members may not enter contests marked with an asterisk (\*) and which are designated members only.
  - Members may enter up to 10 contests for \$1 per poem or \$10 total for entry in more than 10 contests (except for Contest 1 – NFSPS Founders Award which is \$5 per poem).
  - Entrants from outside the U.S. Must send checks drawn on U.S. banks or branches, payable in U.S. Funds, or send U.S. Currency.
- First Prize winner in Contest 1 – NFSPS Founders Award is not eligible to enter that contest the following year (NFSPS Founders Award only).
- Judges will be selected by NFSPS, Inc. No ties will be awarded, and the decisions of the judges will be final.
- When to submit:
  - Start date:** entries must not be postmarked before **January 1, 2022**.
  - Deadline:** entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2022**.
- “Members Only” eligible if a paid-up member of a state society, list in alphabetical membership roll mailed by a state society along with NFSPS dues to:

Linda Harris, NFSPS Treasurer  
711 6th St. SE, Altoona, IA 50009-1926

by **January 15, 2022**, and updated as required by the contest deadline.  
E-mail: Treasurer@NFSPS.com
- How to submit poems via USPS:
  - Send **two** copies of the poem, typed, photocopied, or computer-generated, on 8.5” X 11” white paper (no onion skin or tissue), in black ink, **single-spaced**. If the poem requires more than one page, staple together at the top **left** corner all pages of each copy.
  - On **both** copies, place number and name of contest in upper **left** corner.
  - On **second copy only**, put name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of the poet, state poetry society membership or “Non-member of NFSPS” in upper **right** corner. If a poem requires more than one page, number pages also on upper right corner (both copies).
  - Separate originals from duplicates and stack in numerical order (1 – 50) with originals on top. Count them.
  - Prepare a 3” X 5” lined file card (leave first line blank) and list poet's name, address, phone number, e-mail address (if available), state society membership (or “Non-member of NFSPS”). List on the card the number, but not the title, of each contest you are entering. List the total number of poems sent. Do NOT staple the card to entries or to entry fee.
  - Mail all entries at one time, unfolded, in a large envelope, including the file card and entry fee. Mail to the Contest Chair by First Class, Priority Mail, or any form of delivery that does NOT require a signature upon receipt.

Mail Entries to:  
2022 Contest Chair  
5858 Pintail Way  
Frederick, CO. 80504-9668

NFSPS, Inc. will **not** assume mailing costs and will **not** be responsible for any entries lost or delayed in the mail.
- You may also enter via Submittable.com. **Please read and follow the rules on Submittable as they are slightly different.**

## For INFORMATION REGARDING the FOLLOWING:

E-mail or send a #10 SASE to the Chair in Charge.

### \* 2022 Contest Rules

2022 Contest Chair  
5858 Pintail Way, Frederick, CO 80504-9668  
E-mail: ContestChair.nfspd@gmail.com

### \* 2022 Contest Brochures Mailing

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### \* 2022 Co-Contest Sponsors / Brochure

Steven Concert, 4th VP / Stevens & CUP Manuscript Co-Editor  
49 Kitchen Avenue, Harveys Lake, PA 18618  
E-mail: paperlesspoets@gmail.com

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**Membership Coordinator**  
Julie Cummings, President  
9428 Fallen Rock Road, Conifer, CO 80433-4007  
E-mail: President@NFSPS.com

### \* Stevens Manuscript Competition

Julie Cummings, Acting Stevens Manuscript Chair  
9428 Fallen Rock Road, Conifer, CO 80433-4007  
E-mail: stevens.nfspd@gmail.com

### \* 2022 College Undergraduate Poetry (CUP) Competition

Jessica Temple, Secretary / CUP Chair  
Alabama A&M University McCormick Building, Rm. 1  
P.O. Box 4900 Normal, AL 35762-4900  
E-mail: NFSPSsecretary@gmail.com

### \* 2022 BlackBerry Peach (BBP3) Awards

Joseph Cavanaugh, 2nd VP / Development/Endowment / BBP3 Chair  
3722 Longford Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32174  
E-mail: jcavanaugh1@gmail.com

NFSPS, Inc. is a non-profit organization, exclusively educational and literary. Its purpose is to recognize the importance of poetry with respect to national cultural heritage. It is dedicated solely to the furtherance of poetry on the national level and serves to unite poets in the bonds of fellowship and understanding.

The NFSPS anthology of prize poems, *Encore*, containing the winning poems from these contests will be available upon publication in August 2022 on Amazon.com and at the NFSPS convention in June 2023. For information regarding current *Encore* editions, contact: **Encore Editor, Kathy Cotton** at kcalcotton@gmail.com. For information regarding available editions and book prices, visit the NFSPS website (select “Publications” in the menu).



## National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

www.nfspd.com

Organized in Baton Rouge, LA – October 17, 1959  
Constitution adopted in Philadelphia, PA – June 18, 1960  
Incorporated in Madison, WI – July 15, 1966

NFSPS, Inc. offers fifty national contests plus three student contests each year and conducts an annual convention hosted by one of its affiliated state societies. The 2022 Convention site will be announced soon! Check the NFSPS website for details.

## HONORARY CHANCELLORS

(in order of appointment)

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| Joseph Auslander<br>John Crowe Ransom<br>Glenn Ward Dresbach<br>Jessee Stuart<br>Grace Noll Crowell<br>Jean Star Untermeyer<br>Loring Williams<br>Harry M. Meacham<br>John Williams Andrews<br>August Derleth<br>William Stafford<br>N. Scott Momaday | Richard Armour<br>Richard Eberhart<br>James Dickey<br>Judson Jerome<br>John Giardi<br>Robert Coles<br>Richard Shelton<br>Marcia Lee Masters<br>Robert Penn Warren<br>Richard Wilbur<br>William Stafford<br>Rodney Jones | Tess Gallagher<br>Michael Bugeja<br>David Wagoner<br>Maxine Kumin<br>Naomi Shihab Nye<br>Li-Young Lee<br>Lewis Turco<br>Ted Kooser<br>Natasha Tretheway<br>Peter Meinke<br>Jo McDougal<br>David Rothman |
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## 62nd Annual Convention ~ 2022 Annual Contests

- NFSPS Founders Award** (to honor Mary B. Wall)  
Subject: Any. Form: Any. 100 line limit. Sponsored by NFSPS, Inc.  
1st Prize: \$1,000. 2nd Prize: \$500. 3rd Prize: \$250.  
Entry fee – members (\$5) and non-members (\$10) per poem.  
**Limit: 4 poems per contestant.**
- The Margo Award**  
Subject: Windows. Form: Any. 50 line limit.  
Sponsored by her friends in memory of Margo LaGattuta.  
1st Prize: \$200. 2nd Prize: \$100. 3rd Prize: \$50.
- Donald Stodghill Memorial Award** (\* Members Only)  
Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 line limit.  
Sponsored by Pat Stodghill.  
1st Prize: \$200. 2nd Prize: \$100. 3rd Prize: \$50.
- NFSPS Board Award**  
Subject: Any. Form: Golden Shovel. 50 line limit.  
Sponsored by the NFSPS Executive and Appointive boards.  
1st Prize: \$170. 2nd Prize: \$100. 3rd Prize: \$60.
- Winners' Circle Award**  
Subject: Any. Form: Any. 80 line limit.  
Sponsored by Diane Glancy, Pat Stodghill, Sue Chambers (previous prize winners in the NFSPS Founders Award)  
1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize: \$80. 3rd Prize: \$30.
- Georgia Poetry Society Award** (\*Members Only)  
Subject: The American South – historical events, cultural aspects, weather, landscapes, etc. Form: Any. 40 line limit.  
Sponsored by the Georgia Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$150. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$25.

7. **Stone Gathering Award**

Subject: Food and Food ways. Form: Prose. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by Danielle Dufy Literary French Press Editions.  
Winning poems considered for publication in the print quarterly,  
*Stone Gathering: A Reader*. 1st Prize: \$125. 2nd Prize: \$75. 3rd Prize: \$50.

\*8. **Poetry Society of Texas Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Poetry Society of Texas.  
1st Prize: \$125. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$25.

9. **Jim Barton, Bard of the Pines Award**

*In Memory of James Nathan Barton, past President of NFSPS and cheerleader to all writers, who saw wonder and poetry everywhere in nature.*  
Subject: In the Pines. Form: Rhymed. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the South Arkansas Poets of the Pines.  
1st Prize: \$100. 2nd Prize: \$60. 3rd Prize: \$40.

10. **Lucille Morgan Wilson Memorial Award**

Subject: Garden. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit  
Sponsored by Julie Cummings and Carla Jordan  
1st Prize: \$100. 2nd Prize: \$60. 3rd Prize: \$40.

\*11. **Al Laster Memorial Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: An Ekphrastic Poem – written in response to viewing a painting, photograph, sculpture, drawing, or other piece of visual art. Form: Any. 50 Line Limit. Sponsored by Diana Gagne.  
1st Prize: \$100. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$50.

12. **Arizona State Poetry Society Award**

Subject: When the door closes. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Arizona State Poetry Society (ASPS).  
1st Prize: \$100. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$25.

\*13. **Jim Barton Memorial Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Poets Roundtable of Arkansas  
1st Prize: \$75. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$25.

\*14. **Alabama State Poetry Society Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: Breaking the Rules. Form: Choose a form but break it – modify an existing form to make it your own. Note form and modifications on entry. 50 Line Limit. Sponsored by the Alabama State Poetry Society. 1st Prize: \$75. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$25.

15. **Land of Enchantment Award**

*To honor the memory of Susan Paquet*  
Subject: A poem related to “borders,” real or imagined. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit. Sponsored by the New Mexico State Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$75. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$25.

16. **Poet’s Work Award**

Subject: Life as Other. Form: Persona poem. 40 Line Limit  
Sponsored by Paul Ford and Marie Andrews  
1st Prize: \$75. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$25.

17. **The Listening Poem Award**

Subject: Listening. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by Linda Eve Diamond.  
1st Prize: \$75. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$25.

18. **Power of Women Award**

Subject: The Power of Women. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by Sue Chambers and Christina Flaughter.  
1st Prize: \$70. 2nd Prize: \$50. 3rd Prize: \$20.

19. **The Virginia Corrie-Cozart Memorial Award**

Honoring the author of *A Mutable Place* and *Wavering Reflection*  
Subject: Reflections. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by her friends in the Peregrine Writers.  
1st Prize: \$60. 2nd Prize: \$40. 3rd Prize: \$20.

\*20. **Mildred Vorpahl Baass Remembrance Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: Domestic Cats – their endearing habits, intelligence, loyalty, beauty, etc. (no reference to cruelty or abuse). Form: Any. 40 Line Limit. Sponsored by her daughter, Nancy Baass.  
1st Prize: \$60. 2nd Prize: \$40. 3rd Prize: \$20.

21. **League of Minnesota Poets Award**

*In memory of John Regmerski.*  
Subject: Any. Form: Free Verse. 45 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the League of Minnesota Poets  
1st Prize: \$60. 2nd Prize: \$40. 3rd Prize: \$20.

22. **Jessica C. Saunders Memorial Award**

Subject: Any. Form: Villanelle. 19 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Shavano Poets Society of Colorado.  
1st Prize: \$60. 2nd Prize: \$40. 3rd Prize: \$20.

23. **Poetry Society of Indiana Award**

Subject: A Daily Ritual. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Poetry Society of Indiana.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

\*24. **Nevada Poetry Society Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: Any. Form: Rondino. 32 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Nevada Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

25. **William Stafford Memorial Award**

In memory of William Stafford, Oregon’s late Poet Laureate and twice Honorary Chancellor of NFSPS. Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit. Sponsored by the Oregon Poetry Association and Friends of William Stafford. 1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

26. **The New York Poetry Forum Award**

Subject: The Art of Poetry. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the New York Poetry Forum.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

\*27. **Columbine Poets of Colorado Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: Any. Form: Haibun. 30 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Columbine Poets of Colorado.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

28. **Morton D. Prouty & Elsie S. Prouty Memorial Award**

*In memory of Morton D. Prouty, Jr. who served as NFSPS Treasurer and Poet Laureate of Alabama, and Elsie S. Prouty*  
Subject: a Nature poem. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by daughters, Catherine P. Horn and Carol P. Ostberg and their families. 1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

29. **Louisiana State Poetry Society Award**

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Louisiana State Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

\*30. **J. Paul Holcomb Memorial Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 28 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Poetry Society of Texas.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

31. **Utah State Poetry Society Award**

Subject: Double Vision. Form: Any. 50 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Utah State Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

32. **Illinois State Poetry Society Award**

Subject: Books. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Illinois State Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

33. **The Robbie Award**

Subject: Loss of a Child (not necessarily by death). Form: Any. 40 Line Limit. Sponsored by Joyce Wilson.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

34. **Iowa Poetry Association Award**

Subject: Poetry for Children. Form: Any. 50 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Iowa Poetry Association.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$30. 3rd Prize: \$20.

35. **Ohio Award**

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Ohio Poetry Association.  
1st Prize: \$50. 2nd Prize: \$25. 3rd Prize: \$15.

\*36. **Wallace Stevens Memorial Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: Any. Form: Rondeau. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Poetry Society, Inc.  
1st Prize: \$40. 2nd Prize: \$25. 3rd Prize: \$15.

37. **WyoPoets Award**

Subject: Wyoming or the West. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the WyoPoets of Wyoming.  
1st Prize: \$40. 2nd Prize: \$25. 3rd Prize: \$15.

38. **Florida State Poets Association, Inc. Award**

Subject: a Celebration of Florida History or Culture – or any other Florida topic, historic or contemporary. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Florida State Poets Association, Inc.  
1st Prize: \$35. 2nd Prize: \$25. 3rd Prize: \$15.

39. **Poetry society of Michigan Award**

Subject: Any. Form: Free Verse. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Poetry Society of Michigan.  
1st Prize: \$35. 2nd Prize: \$25. 3rd Prize: \$15.

40. **Mississippi Poetry Society Award**

Subject: Any. Form: Sonnet (include sonnet pattern on entry).  
Sponsored by the Mississippi Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$35. 2nd Prize: \$25. 3rd Prize: \$15.

41. **Jesse Stuart Memorial Award**

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Kentucky State Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$20. 3rd Prize: \$15.

42. **Missouri State Poetry Society Award**

Subject: The Show Me State. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Missouri State Poetry Society  
1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$20. 3rd Prize: \$15.

43. **Barbara Stevens Memorial Award**

Subject: Any Serious Theme. Form: Any. 12 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the South Dakota State Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$20. 3rd Prize: \$15.

\*44. **Poetry Society of Oklahoma Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: Any. Form: Rondeau. 13 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Poetry Society of Oklahoma.  
1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$20. 3rd Prize: \$15.

45. **Save Our Earth Award**

*In memory of David F. Balph.*  
Subject: Environmental Issues. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Martha H. Balph.  
1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$20. 3rd Prize: \$15.

46. **Massachusetts State Poetry Society Award**

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Massachusetts State Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$20. 3rd Prize: \$15.

\*47. **Poetry Society of Tennessee Award** (\* Members Only)

*In honor of Jo.An Howerton.*  
Subject: Families. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Poetry Society of Tennessee  
1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$20. 3rd Prize: \$15.

48. **Maine Poets Society Award**

Subject: the Sea or Seacoast. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the Maine Poets Society, fostering poetry since 1936.  
1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$20. 3rd Prize: \$15.

\*49. **Miriam S. Strauss Memorial Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: a Humorous Poem. Form: Rhymed, Metered. 10 – 30 Line Limit. Sponsored by Russell H. Strauss.  
1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$20. 3rd Prize: \$15.

\*50. **The Poets Northwest Award** (\* Members Only)

Subject: The Geography of Fire. Form: Any. 36 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by Poets Northwest, a chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas, celebrating 33 years of encouraging and inspiring poets in their craft. 1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$20. 3rd Prize: \$15.

**Student Award: Grades 9 – 12**

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 32 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by Julie Cummings (CO) and Catherine L’Herisson (TX)  
1st Prize: \$50, 2nd Prize: \$30, 3rd Prize: \$20.  
7 Honorable Mentions: \$5 each.

**Poetry in the Classroom Award: Grades 6 – 8**

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 32 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the New Mexico State Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$25, 2nd Prize: \$15, 3rd Prize: \$10.

**Poetry in the Classroom Award: Grades 3 – 5**

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 32 Line Limit.  
Sponsored by the New Mexico State Poetry Society.  
1st Prize: \$25, 2nd Prize: \$15, 3rd Prize: \$10.

No entry fee is required for these student competitions. Open only to students in grades 3 thru 12. Include grade with name and summer mailing address on the second copy only (see Contest Rule 1) or enter via Submittable. One poem per student. Mail entries to 2022 Contest Chair.