

46th Annual

Collin County Poetry Contest

Sponsored by the **Mockingbird** Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas

No Entry Fee – Categories for:

Students: Open to all Collin County public, private, and home school students (K-12).

Winners are chosen from **each grade level**.

Adults: Open to all adults residing in Collin County.

Mockingbird Chapter Members: Open to all members regardless of residence.

Winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) receive certificates.

Winning poems may be published in a 2017 anthology. If so, winners get one free copy.

**Accepting entries now through
February 1st 2017 (Postmark Date)**

Contest Rules

1. Each contestant may enter one poem, written in any style and on any subject.
2. Poem must be the original work of the contestant.
3. Poem is not to exceed 28 lines (title and white space between lines or stanzas are not counted).
4. A poem is not eligible that has been published (school publications acceptable).
5. Contestants must retain a copy of their poems. Submitted copies will not be returned.

Winners will be announced at the 46th Collin County Poetry Awards in the Spring of 2017.

Preparation of Entries

1. Submit two (2) typed copies of the poem.
2. In the **top left** corner of **BOTH COPIES**, write category:
Student with grade level - - - **Adult** - - - or - - - **Mockingbird Member**.
3. In the **top right** corner of **ONE COPY**, write your identification information. **STUDENT** winners will be contacted through their school so please share Student's Name, School Name, School address, Teacher's name and email address. **ADULTS**, please share Name, Address, and Email Address.
4. **TEACHERS may submit student entries in one envelope.** Please stack each student's set with the identification copy on top, second copy beneath. Please do not use paper clips. Please do not staple the two copies.

Mail to: **Mockingbird Poetry Society – 8117 Alderwood Pl. – Plano, TX 75025**

Please direct any questions to Beth Ayers (972-747-1297) beth.ayers55@gmail.com

See our website: www.mockingbirdpoetry.org

All student poets are also encouraged to enter the Poetry Society of Texas Student contest. Deadline for this contest is March 1, 2017. See the PST website for information: <http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org>