OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Express Yourself
Youth Poetry Competition

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

- 60 finalists will be invited to an awards ceremony on April 27, 2017 and have their work published by the Dallas Public Library in a bound anthology.
- One finalist will be selected to receive the Joe M. and Doris Russell Dealey Fund Award of Achievement and two finalists will each receive a Junior Award.
- All qualified poems will be judged on originality and structure.
- All qualified poems will be judged separately in the following grade categories: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, and 10-12.
- All finalists will be notified by mail by March 31, 2017.

RULES ..... *Please read carefully.*

1. Poems must be the writer's own work and may not be submitted without the poet's knowledge and consent.
2. All poets must be in grades 2-12 and live in the City of Dallas or attend a Dallas school.
3. All entries must be received or postmarked (if mailed) by January 31, 2017. No entries will be returned.
4. Entries must not exceed 20 lines.
5. Only one entry per poet.
6. Poems accepted in English and in Spanish.
7. All entries become the property of The Dallas Foundation & Dallas Public Library.
8. For complete rules, visit www.dallaslibrary.org/poetry

Return by mail to: *Express Yourself!*
Children's Center, J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
1515 Young St., Dallas, TX 75201-5499

Poems may also be dropped off at any Dallas Public Library location. Online submissions are preferred. (www.dallas.org/poetry)

For more information contact: poetry@dallaslibrary.org

CERTIFICATIONS

☐ I certify that the poem submitted is my own original work and is not copied from any source including books, magazines, textbooks, lyrics or Internet sources. I understand that if it is found that my poem is copied or plagiarized my poem will be disqualified from the competition and my school may be contacted by the poetry competition coordinators.

☐ All rights to poems will be retained by DPL. DPL is granted permission to print and otherwise publish all poems.

ENTRY FORM *Please print neatly or type*

Student Name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Grade _____ Email _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Email _____

Teacher/ Librarian Name _____

Teacher/ Librarian Phone _____

Teacher/ Librarian Email _____

School Name _____

Title of poem _____

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