*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.

Awards Given

* The high school winner will receive $250.00 and 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 framed 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).
* Schools larger than 500 may include only one entry per student.
* Poems must be 40 lines or fewer.
* The entry must be *typed* and submitted in electronic format.
* No photos, please.

Mailing

* Email one copy of the entry to [julie.malcolm@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:julie.malcolm@dpi.nc.gov) by May 15.
* By **May 15** mail one copy of the entry form and entry to John York, 804 Westover Terrace, Greensboro, NC 27408. DO NOT use certified or registered mail. Any entries submitted via certified or registered mail will be disqualified.