

# ***NWA POETRY CONTEST***

OPENS JULY 1 annually

## **PURPOSE OF THE CONTEST**

The purpose of the National Writers Assn. Poetry Contest is to encourage the writing of poetry, a important form of individual expression which has a limited commercial market.

## **CONTEST RULES**

All entries must be postmarked by October 1. Only unpublished poems are eligible. All poetry forms and styles are eligible as long as they do not exceed 40 lines. Authors retain all rights and may submit their entries to publishers while the contest is in progress. Anthology rights will be requested for the first through third place winners.

The entry must be accompanied by entry form (photocopies are acceptable), entry fee of \$10 per poem, and return SASE if you wish the poem and rating sheets returned. **POEMS WILL NOT BE RETURNED WITHOUT SASE.** The U.S. Postal Service will not allow us to use your metered postage unless it is undated. Receipt of entry will not be acknowledged without a return postcard. Author's name and address must appear on the first page.

## **JUDGING AND PRIZES**

Judging will be based on originality, technique, adherence to poetic style, and emotional value. Copies of the judges evaluation sheets will be sent to entrants furnishing an SASE with their entry. First through fourth place awards will be presented at the annual NWA Conference. Other winners will be notified by January 31. 1st Prize -- \$100; 2nd Prize -- \$50; 3rd Prize -- \$25; 4th through 10th Places will receive a book of the winner's choice. Honorable Mentions receive a certificate.

## **ENTRY FEE AND CRITIQUES**

The entry fee per poem is \$10. If you wish to have your poem critiqued, please request this on the entry form. Entry fees are used to pay judges and prize money.

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### **NWA POETRY CONTEST FORM**

To: NWA Poetry Contest

National Writers Assn.

10940 South Parker Road, #508

Parker, CO 80134

Entry # \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amt \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the enclosed poem (title) \_\_\_\_\_ in the NWA Poetry Contest.

\_\_\_\_\_ My entry fee \$10 is enclosed.

\_\_\_ Please charge my \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ Visa # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ You may retain my poem for a critique after judging. I am enclosing an additional \$16 for evaluation.