



West Florida Literary Federation's

2021 UNMUTED VOICES Youth Poetry Contest

What are this year's themes?

Hope and Healing, Changes and Challenges, Mirrors/Windows/Views

Who can participate?

All public, private, or home-schooled Escambia and Santa Rosa County students in grades 6-12.

What prizes will be awarded?

First place (\$50), second place (\$30) and third place (\$15), and up to 5 honorable mentions will be awarded in two categories: high school and middle school. An Awards Ceremony/Poetry Reading for winning poets, their families, and their friends will be held in April, National Poetry Month.

What are the criteria for judging?

How well your poem:

- ...is original, a product of your own experience, observations, and world
- ...shows evidence of poetic elements
- ...uses vivid, sensory language and imagery
- ...uses correct grammar and spelling
- ...adheres to the theme
- ...is one page or less
- ...has overall effectiveness and impact

When is the entry deadline?

Your poem and contest entry form must be received by Monday, March 1, 2021. See entry form for complete details. Entry forms are available and can be printed from www.wflf.org.

If I have questions, is there someone I can contact?

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