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Dear Educator:

Like you, we at the **West Florida Literary Federation** care about the students of Northwest Florida, and we hope you will join us in encouraging them to participate in our 2021 youth poetry contest titled “Unmuted Voices.”

This year we are offering middle and high school students three writing choices that will empower their creativity, let them share their voices, and contribute to their language development. Students can select one of these themes for their poems:

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

As many of us are current teachers or were former teachers, we want to ease the participation of classroom teachers by providing a videotaped lesson that they can use to introduce this contest and help students begin their poems. This lesson will complement the literary arts curriculum and help students achieve the Florida standards for writing skills.

Prizes will be awarded, and an awards ceremony will be held in April for National Poetry Month.

See the attached two documents for more information regarding the contest details, deadlines, and required entry form.

Classroom teachers, please contact Karen Morris at [kmacnolia@yahoo.com](mailto:kmacnolia@yahoo.com) if you wish to receive the video.

The 2021 panel of judges looks forward to reading the imaginative poems from our students!

With warm regards,

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