## THE LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS

## **Twenty-Seventh Annual Manningham Poetry Competition**

State and National Awards for School Year 2015-2016 www.mnpoets.com Contest Entry Rules

1. There are two divisions;

Grades 6-8 [Junior Division] and Grades 9-12 [Senior Division]

No Entry Fee

- 2. Poems must be original but may have been published and/or have won previous awards.
- 3. All students in Minnesota attending public, parochial, private schools, and home-schooled are eligible. Only one entry per student is allowed.
- 4. Submit two (2) copies of each poem.

<u>On both copies</u> include <u>in the upper left hand corner</u> the division entered, Junior or Senior. **No name or personal information should appear on this copy.** 

One copy only must also contain in the upper right hand corner the following:

- 1) the student's name and complete home address
- 2) student's grade and division-junior or senior,
- 3) name, address and phone number of the school and
- 4) the following signed statement: This is my original work, student's signature
- 5. The poem is to be typed or computer-generated. No Handwritten copies will be accepted. No poems more than 50 lines long. If the poem continues on more than one page, staple the pages together.
- 6. Please no large print, illustrations, unusual typefaces (Gothic, script, etc.) or colored fonts. Be considerate of your judges. They love to see your work, but it needs to be in the prescribed format to make their work more efficient.
- 7. Students may email submissions as long as they follow the rules outlined above. Poems may be electronically signed, or signed and scanned, but the signature must be present.
- 8. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in both age divisions. \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place, and \$10 for third place.

Nationally recognized poets judge the contest. The top ten poems will be selected at the Minnesota state level for submission to the National Manningham Contest. There they may win cash prizes and publication. Poems selected at the state level will be published in a chapbook, which will be forwarded to the student authors and to participating schools.

Mail entries to: Peter Stein, MN Manningham Poetry Competition Chair

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Or by email: pwilliamstein@yahoo.com

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY January 15, 2016