



**Mississippi Poetry Society, Inc.  
2020-2021 Student Contest  
Student Contest Rules**

There is no entry fee for the MPS STUDENT AWARD. The contest is open to all Mississippi students, grades 1-College undergraduate. Public, private, and homeschools are eligible.

1. Only one poem per student can be entered in this category. Entries must be on regular 8.5" by 11" paper, either computer-generated or typed and should not exceed 35 lines.
2. There are four levels in this category: **Level 1** encompasses grades 1-4; **level 2** encompasses grades 5-8; **level 3** encompasses grades 9-12; and **level 4** encompasses college undergraduates.
3. Participants should submit two (2) copies of the poem with the following requirements: (a) The first copy must show the poet's name and address, school name and address, grade level, and student's English/language arts teacher's name for grades 1-12 in the upper left corner. (b) Only the grade level should appear on the second sheet.
4. Place winners will be awarded a certificate and a monetary prize of \$15.00 for first place, \$10.00 for second place, and \$5.00 for third place in levels 1 and 2. In levels 3 and 4, the monetary prize will be \$25.00 for first place, \$15.00 for second place, and \$10.00 for third place. Honorable mentions will be awarded as merited. The poems that place in each category will be published in the *Fledglings* section of the MPS contest journal.
5. Winning poems may be sent to the Manningham Trust National Student Competition as merited.
6. There is a "postmark" deadline of February 1, 2021  
Send entries to: Dr. Emory D. Jones  
608 N. Pearl Street  
Iuka, MS 38852

**Please read and sign the following disclaimer, and include it with your poem:**

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge that this poem is my original work and has not been copied in part or whole from any other poem or poetry source.

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