

POETRY CONTEST – SPRING 2020
Sponsored by Seward County Community College
Prizes to be awarded at the Poetry Coffee House, SCCC campus, on April 6, 2020,
with Huascar Medina, Kansas Poet Laureate.

RULES (3 pages):

1. Read the rules carefully before signing the entry form. The entry form may be signed electronically or with the name typed into the signature space.
2. Entry deadline: Before midnight on March 15, 2020.
3. Poems must be original work composed entirely by entrant and never before published.
4. All entries must be typed and submitted by email with a completed entry form and poetry document. No handwritten poems will be accepted. No shareable links will be accepted.
5. Poetry will be judged on originality, quality, skillful use of language and poetic devices, and freedom from grammatical and typographical errors.
6. Discovery at any time that an entry is the result of plagiarism or other unethical action, whether in whole or in part, will result in disqualification from the contest and forfeiture of any and all prizes.
7. Winners will be notified on or before April 1, 2020.
8. Three categories of entries are available. Each entrant must choose one:

A. Open Category – anyone 18 years of age or older living in SCCC’s service area. This includes SCCC students and faculty. High school juniors and seniors no matter the entrant’s age are in Scholarship Category; if you are a high school junior or senior and SCCC concurrent student, you are in the Scholarship Category. First place winner of the Open Category must attend the April 6, 2020, Poetry Coffee House and read the winning poem; failure to attend will result in forfeiture of the prize. Second place, Third place, and Honorable Mention winners are invited but not required to read.

OPEN PRIZES: First Place: \$25 cash & other prizes
 Second Place: \$15 cash & other prizes
 Third Place: \$15 cash & other prizes
 Honorable Mention: Certificate of Merit
 Special Award for best poem by SCCC student: \$25 cash & other prizes

B. Scholarship Category – any junior or senior enrolled in a public or private high school or home school program (grades 11-12) in SCCC’s service area during the 2019-2020 academic year. All high school juniors and seniors no matter the entrant’s age must enter the Scholarship Category, even if not planning to attend SCCC. First place and Second place winners of the Scholarship Category must attend the April 6, 2020, Poetry Coffee House and read the winning poems; failure to attend will result in forfeiture of the prizes. Third place and Honorable Mention winners are invited but not required to read.

SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES: First Place: \$100 Scholarship, \$25 cash, & other prizes
 Second Place: \$100 Scholarship, \$15 cash, & other prizes
 Third Place: \$15 cash & other prizes
 Honorable Mention: Certificate of Merit

C. Young Poets Category -- any student enrolled in a public or private school or a home school program in grades 6-10 in SCCC's service area during the 2019-2020 academic year. The winners will be invited to attend and read their poems at the April 6, 2020, Poetry Coffee House but are not required to do so.

YOUNG POET PRIZES: First Place: \$20 cash & other prizes
 Second Place: \$15 cash & other prizes
 Third Place: \$15 cash & other prizes
 Honorable Mention: Certificate of Merit

9. A blind process will be used for the selection of the winning poems. The judge will be Bill McGlothing. McGlothing is an acclaimed poet who taught English for 39 years in New Mexico, West Texas, and most recently at Seward County Community College. He taught Creative Writing for 27 years, in addition to teaching Composition and Literature. He supported two award-winning publications of student creative writing, art, and photography: *Aquifer* at Western Texas College, and *Telolith* at SCCC. His poems are published in *Southwest: A Contemporary Anthology*, *Blue Mesa Review*, and *The Midwest Quarterly*.

10. A complete entry includes A, B, and C:

A. _____ **Completed and signed entry form in WORD or PDF format. Title for the entry form should be: Lname_entry (Example: Smith_entry).**

B. _____ **One or two poems as a single poetry document in WORD or PDF format. Title for the poetry document should be: Lname_poetry (Example: Smith_poetry).**

C. _____ **The poetry document and the completed entry form in WORD or PDF format are to be attached to an email and sent to lori.muntz@sccc.edu before midnight on March 15, 2020. A confirmation email will be sent in reply; if that confirmation email is not received within 24 hours of submission, the entrant should contact Dr. Muntz at 620.417.1456. The entry is not complete until a confirmation email is sent.**

11. Each entrant may submit either one (1) or two (2) poems. To create the poetry document:

To submit one poem, create a document as follows:

On the first page, type the entrant's name, phone number, and email typed in the upper-right hand corner.

On the second page, begin the poem. DO NOT include entrant's name and/or contact information on any page that includes the poem.

Save the document as: Lname_poetry (Example: Smith_poetry).

To submit two poems, create a document as follows:

On the first page, type the entrant's name, phone number, and email typed in the upper-right hand corner.

On the second page, begin the poem. DO NOT include entrant's name and/or contact information on any page that includes the first poem.

After the first poem ends, start a new page on which the second poem begins. At the top of this page, type "POEM TWO." DO NOT include entrant's name and/or contact information on any page that includes the second poem.

Save the document as: Lname_poetry (Example: Smith_poetry).

Remember, all poems must be submitted as a single WORD or PDF document.

12. For help, contact: Lori Muntz, English Instructor, SCCC: lori.muntz@sccc.edu / 620-417-1456 or Terri Barnes, Humanities Division Secretary, SCCC: terri.barnes@sccc.edu / 620-417-1451.

Entry form is available on the SCCC website, as is a video tutorial for creating the submission. Go to: www.sccc.edu > Academics > Humanities & Social Sciences > Events > click on Poetry Contest Rules and Entry Form. May need to use Adobe reader to open documents. If there are problems with access call 620-417-1451.

No entries will be accepted that are submitted as a shareable link such as a GoogleDoc. To save a GoogleDoc in Word, go to <https://youtu.be/OXc7-GAyYOw> (1:00) or a similar resource for help.

13. Any update or correction to the rules will be posted to the SCCC website.

End of Rules (3 pages).

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