

ENTRY RULES
TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL BUCKS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
POET OF THE YEAR CONTEST 2016

ELIGIBILITY:

All 10th, 11th, or 12th graders who either reside in Bucks County or attend high school in Bucks County

ENTRY RULES:

1. Three (3) poems; no more, no fewer. Any style, form, or length.
2. Typed, 1 inch margins, no double-sided pages. Start each poem on a new page (= don't put more than one poem on a page). No fancy, large, or tiny fonts. Black ink only. No illustrations of any sort. Entries that do not follow these rules will be disqualified.
3. **Do not place name or address on poetry pages for judging. Entries with names on them will be automatically disqualified.**
4. Attach Entry Form with a **paper clip** to packet of poems. **NO STAPLES** please!
5. Please fill out the Entry Form completely, telling us whether you would like to have your work considered for the anthology. Winners and placers will automatically have their work published in the anthology. And please, **write very clearly**, so we can spell your name correctly and contact you.
6. **MANUSCRIPTS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.** Do not send the original or only copy of manuscript.

DEADLINE: Post marked or hand-delivered by Friday, March 11, 2016, 4 p.m.

Poems must be mailed to:

Bucks County High School Poet of the Year Contest
Department of Language and Literature, Penn Hall 105
Bucks County Community College
275 Swamp Road
Newtown, PA 18940

NOTIFICATION OF WINNER:

Winner will be notified by a Director of the Poet Laureate Program. All contestants will be notified shortly thereafter using the email address you provided.

AWARDS:

\$300 Honorarium
Formal Award Presentation by the Bucks County Commissioners
Public reading at Bucks County Community College
Inclusion in the anthology of entrants
Announcement in local newspapers

Bucks County Community College sponsors the Poet Laureate Program. The co-directors of this contest are Bucks County Community College professors, Dr. Ethel Rackin and Dr. Christopher Bursk. Contest judges are the 2015 and 2016 Bucks County Poet Laureates.

ENTRY FORM
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*****PRINT CLEARLY*****

POET'S HIGH SCHOOL _____

GRADE _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL (optional) _____

TITLES OF POEMS (must match the title on the poem)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

IMPORTANT: Would you like your work to be considered for the anthology of poems by contest entrants and give permission for us to use your work in this publication? Winners and placers' work will automatically be included in the anthology; otherwise, blank responses will be interpreted as "no."

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

For further information or for additional Entry Forms, go to www.bucks.edu, call the College at 215-968-8150, 8:30-4:00pm., write the College at the address listed above, or send an email to Dr. Ethel Rackin (ethel.rackin@bucks.edu). The College assumes no responsibility for the loss of any work.

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