

The New Zealand Poetry Society Inc International Poetry Competition Open *and* Junior Open Sections: Instructions Entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by: 31 May

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Entry information

- Poems may be up to 40 lines, on any theme, previously unpublished, and not submitted or accepted for future publication.
- We classify poems appearing in online or print magazines/journals, in or out of New Zealand, as previously published. We also classify poems that have appeared on the publicly available website or blog of anyone other than the author as previously published.
- The author's name must be recorded only on the entry form. Submissions bearing a name or any other form of identification on the poem page will be disqualified and entry fees will not be returned.
- Entries must be in English and typed, one poem per page. Entries may be submitted by email with PayPal payment only.
- Number of entries is unlimited, but the organisers reserve the right to limit the number selected for publication by one author.
- Please post **two copies** of each poem, each on a separate sheet of paper. (One is sufficient if sending by email).
- Entries will not be returned but will be destroyed, so please keep a copy for yourself.
- Results will be published on our website by **31 August**. By then entrants will be notified if their poems have won or been selected for publication.
- Entry constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions.

Open Section Prizes: 1st prize NZ\$600, 2nd prize NZ\$300, 3rd prize NZ\$150. No entrant will win more than 1 cash prize. Up to 20 Commendations.

Entry fee is NZ\$8 per poem; NZPS members - \$7 per poem. Every 6th entry free.

Open Junior Section Prizes (Open only to entrants who are 17 years of age or younger on 31 May.) First Prize: NZ\$200. Primary/Intermediate Runner-up: NZ\$50; Secondary Runner-up NZ\$100. No entrant will win more than 1 cash prize. Up to 20 Commendations.

Entry fee is NZ\$2.50 per poem. Every 6th entry free. If paying with NZ coins, please enclose them in a separate sealed envelope within the main envelope.

International entries are welcomed in both sections.

Fees can be paid by NZ cheque or NZ postal note, or by PayPal on our website, with a small fee to cover costs. Overseas entrants may pay the NZ\$ equivalent in Australian, US, or Canadian dollars, Pounds Sterling, or Euros (see www.xe.com for exchange rate). Other currencies can be accepted for an extra fee of NZ\$5. Please do not send coins of non-NZ currency, other than for the Junior section as above.. No change will be supplied nor overpayments refunded.

Results will be posted on our website, emailed by request, or enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope (SSAE) with your entry.

Publication: All poems entered must be made available for publication in an anthology to be published by the NZPS in November. Entrants will be notified by 31 August if their poems have won or been accepted for publication. **NZPS has the right of first publication of all poems accepted for the anthology.**

Promotion: Winners consent to the use of their poems for promotional purposes by the NZPS including but not limited to our website, brochure, and magazine.

Copyright in individual poems will remain with the poet, but copyright in any book produced by The New Zealand Poetry Society Inc will remain with the NZPS.

Questions? email competition@poetrysociety.org.nz or visit www.poetrysociety.org.nz.