

# The New Zealand Poetry Society International Poetry Competition

## School group - Open Junior Guidelines

### Entries

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- Poems may be on any theme.
- Poems should be previously unpublished, and not submitted or accepted for future publication.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 a public website or blog of anyone other than the author as previously published.
- The students' names must be recorded only on the entry form. This is to ensure that the entries are judged blind. Submissions with any other form of identification on the poems themselves will be disqualified and entry fees will not be returned.
- Each entry must be the original work of the student. Please ensure each poem is clearly attributed to the correct student.
- Entries must be typed.
- Poems should be in English. Entries that are primarily in English and incorporate other languages are fine. But a translation should be provided on a separate, following page.
- When submitting multiple poems, each poem should start on a new page.
- The number of entries is unlimited, but the organisers reserve the right to limit the number selected for publication by one author.
- Entries will not be kept, so please ensure that all students have kept copies of their work.
- Entry constitutes acceptance of all terms and conditions.
- Please note that in the event of a poem being awarded a prize or selection for our anthology, we will request the student's personal contact details.
- If you are 18 years old but part of a school group, you may submit as part of that school group.

### Prizes

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#### Open Junior section

1st prize	NZ\$200
Secondary School runner-up	NZ\$100
Primary/Intermediate runner-up	NZ\$50

No entrant will receive more than one cash prize. Up to 20 commendations.

## Entry fees

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### Junior entry fees

Junior                      \$2.50 per poem

For each group of 10 poems, the fee is discounted to \$23.

## How to enter

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Entries must be received by **31 May 2021**.

Our competition is running solely online this year. Entries must be submitted by email. Fees can be paid either by bank deposit or PayPal. PayPal includes a small fee to cover costs.

**Email submissions** to: [competition@poetrysociety.org.nz](mailto:competition@poetrysociety.org.nz)

with the subject line "School Group - Open Junior", followed by your teacher name

Include:

- The entry form
- Your poems as a single Microsoft Word or PDF attachment

Pay your entry fee by bank deposit or PayPal

- **Bank deposit** - deposit payment to account number: 06-0501-082337110. Remember to put your name and the word "competition" in the reference fields.
- **PayPal** - Please do not send money directly to the NZPS PayPal. Sending direct does not take the PayPal transaction cost into account, and you will end up underpaying your entry fee. We can only accept PayPal payments through our competition page - [poetrysociety.org.nz/the-new-zealand-poetry-society-international-poetry-competition-paypal/](http://poetrysociety.org.nz/the-new-zealand-poetry-society-international-poetry-competition-paypal/)

Results will be published on our website by **31 August 2021**. By then entrants will be notified if their poems have won or been selected for publication.

## Publication

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All poems entered must be made available for publication in an anthology. This anthology is to be published by the NZPS in November. NZPS has the right of first publication of all poems accepted for the anthology.

Winners consent to the use of their poems for promotional purposes by the NZPS including but not limited to our website, social media 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.

Please email any questions to [competition@poetrysociety.org.nz](mailto:competition@poetrysociety.org.nz)