

2012 Youth Suicide Prevention Poetry Contest Rules

PRIZES

Grade Divisions:

Prizes will be awarded in the following two (2) grade divisions in the poetry contest:

Grades 6-9 and Grades 10-12 and post-secondary level. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1 st place	\$50 + Trophy
2 nd place	\$25 + Trophy
3 rd Place	\$15 + Trophy
Honorable Mention	\$10 + Trophy

Additionally, the top two schools with the highest percentage of student participation of PSA/Poetry entries will be awarded \$500.

JUDGING

Judging will take place in early March 2012. Judges will select first, second, third, and honorable mention winners in both junior and senior high poetry divisions.

Entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges chosen for their professional expertise in the areas of education and experience in the field of suicide prevention.

Judges will evaluate entries on the following:

1. Originality, uniqueness, reflection of creative thinking, style and expression.
2. Appropriateness and relationship to contest theme.
3. Spelling, neatness, readability, emotional/mental impact, etc.

The theme for the 2012 Poetry Contest is:
“Celebrate Life—Share Hope”

RULES

1. Must follow all rules to qualify.
2. Must have a completed entry form securely attached to the back of each entry.
3. Must not include any personal information (name, age, school, etc.) on the front of the poetic writing.
4. Must be the original work of **one** student. Any plagiarized work or “joint efforts” will be disqualified.
5. Must clearly reflect the theme’s message, although entries do not have to contain the words of the theme.
6. Work becomes the property of the Arkansas Attorney General’s Office and will not be returned. However, special arrangements can be made on a case-by-case basis, by contacting the numbers listed below.

- Poems must be between 30 nor more and 100 words in length.
- Typewritten or computer-generated copy is preferred; however, legible printing will be accepted.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 Only entries postmarked by this date will be accepted.

Mail to:

Office of the Attorney General
Community Relations Division
323 Center Street, Suite 200
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

OR submit online at
www.ArkansasAG.gov

Questions?
Call 1-800-448-3014

or
(501) 682-1020