

Rules and Regulations for the Calgary Women's Chorus Poetry Contest

1. Eligibility:

- The contest is open to all individuals, grades 4 to 12, who attend school in Calgary, AB.

2. Submission Guidelines:

- Each participant may submit one original poem.
- Poems must be written in English or French.
- Submissions must be previously unpublished and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.
- Poems should be submitted electronically via email to cwcpoetrycontest@gmail.com.

3. Formatting Requirements:

- Poems should be typed in a legible font or clearly handwritten.
- Poems must be submitted electronically in PDF format.
- The poem must be sent as two different PDF documents:
 1. The poem with the title, poet's name, grade and school at the top.
 2. The same poem with only title on top, to facilitate blind judging.

4. Theme:

- There is no specific theme for the contest. Participants are free to explore any subject matter or style of poetry.

5. Judging Criteria:

- Poems will be judged by a panel of five to six judges based on originality, creativity, technical skill, emotional impact, and adherence to the art form.
- Judges' decisions are final and binding.

6. Deadline:

- Submissions must be received by April 26th, 2024 at 9:00 PM MDT.
- Late submissions will not be considered.

7. Notification:

- Winners will be notified via email by May 13th, 2024.
- A list of winners will also be posted on the Calgary Women's Chorus website. (Last names will only be used with parental permission.)

8. Prizes:

- A top prize of \$100 and a runner-up prize of \$50 will be awarded in each of the following categories, as well as honourable mentions:
 1. Grades 4 - 6
 2. Grades 7 - 9
 3. Grades 10 - 12
- Only the first 200 poems submitted will be eligible for prizes.

9. Publication Rights:

- By submitting their work, participants grant the organizing committee the right to publish winning and selected poems in any format for promotional purposes.
- Winners may be asked to read/perform their work at the Calgary Women's Chorus concert, "The Poet Sings," on Sunday, May 26th, at 2:30 PM.
- All entries will be on display at this concert for the audience to read.

10. Code of Conduct:

- Participants must conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner throughout the contest.
- Plagiarism or any form of cheating will result in disqualification and forfeiture of prizes.

11. Legal Considerations:

- Participants retain the copyright to their submitted work.
- The organizing committee will not be liable for any copyright infringement or disputes arising from submitted entries.

12. Modification of Rules:

- The organizing committee reserves the right to amend or modify these rules at any time. Participants will be notified of any changes.

13. Acceptance of Terms:

- Submission of poems to the contest implies acceptance of all rules and regulations outlined herein.

14. Contact Information:

- For inquiries or clarifications regarding the contest, please contact cwcpoetrycontest@gmail.com.

By entering the poetry contest, participants agree to abide by these rules and regulations.