University & College Poetry Prize Program

How to Administer the Prize

1) Determine who is eligible (undergraduate students, graduate students, or both). **Please Note:** Only registered students of a given participating school are eligible for the prize offered through that institution.

2) Set restrictions on the number of poems and total submission length. **Please Note:** No restrictions may be made regarding theme or style.

3) Select a spring deadline for submissions and a place for students to submit entries. Students twenty-three years old or younger who win one of the current year’s University & College Poetry Prizes will be considered for the Aliki Perroti and Seth Frank Most Promising Young Poet Award. Please be sure to collect the winning student’s age, so that they may qualify for this $1,000 award.

4) Select a judge or judges. **Please Note:** Prizes must be limited to one winner and one honorable mention. In the event that an award is split between an undergraduate and a graduate student, two winners may be selected.

5) The deadline for reporting the contest outcome to the Academy of American Poets is May 15. In February, the Academy will email a link to an electronic Winner Report Form through which to report the contest results.

6) Complete the electronic Winner Report Form, including an attached copy of the winning poem(s). Please do not include any poem(s) that received an honorable mention.
What We Provide

1) A letter of congratulations to the winner and recipient of an honorable mention.

2) An award check in the amount of $100 to the winner, as well as a one-year membership to our organization, which includes a subscription to our magazine American Poets, the winner’s name listed in the Academy’s Annual Report, and discounts on the merchandise in our Poets Shop and on our programs.

3) Distribution of the winning poem(s) to the prize donors, if applicable.

4) Entry of all winning poems (written by poets twenty-three years old and younger) into the Aliki Perroti and Seth Frank Most Promising Young Poet Award. Poems will be screened by Academy staff and judged by one of the past or current members of our Board of Chancellors. Individuals who serve as Chancellors are among the most distinguished poets of our day. In the event that Chancellors are unable to judge the prize, the President of the Academy of American Poets will select a winner. The winner receives $1,000.

5) Promotion of the Aliki Perroti and Seth Frank Most Promising Young Poet Award winner on Poets.org and in American Poets.

Please contact the Programs Coordinator with any questions:

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Student Poetry Prize

Cash Award &
One-Year Membership to the
Academy of American Poets

To Enter:

Submit_____Poems
Location:__________________________
Deadline:_________________________
Eligible Students:__________________

Winner Announced in Spring