

## Rules for the Prize Competitions

1. **ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE ELECTRONIC.** In order to submit entries, use our online submissions manager on the PSSC web site. **Members submit their poems for free. For non-members, the fee for each poem submitted is five dollars.**

Submission periods:

Fall: October 15th through November 15th

Spring: January 15th through February 15th

2. Entries must be ORIGINAL, submitted using a standard 12-point font, and must adhere to the following specifications:

- a. Length not to exceed THIRTY-SIX lines (including epigraphs and stanza-break lines)
- b. Text single-spaced

3. An author may submit only one poem for each prize.

4. An entry must include:

The poem, with the name of the prize and the title of the poem at the top of the page. The author's name and address **must not** appear on the page carrying the text of the poem.

5. The same poem may not be entered for more than one prize at the same time. A poem which has failed to win a prize may later, after the results of the first competition have been made public, be submitted for any other prize for which it is suitable.

6. PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED POEMS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE as entries, except for the Skylark Prize. Poems must not be under consideration elsewhere.

7. Authors grant the PSSC first publication and electronic reprint rights to prize-winning work. Authors retain all re-publication rights and are free to reprint the work in any publication, subject to acknowledging original publication in *The Poetry Society of South Carolina Yearbook*. The author guarantees that the submitted work has not previously been published elsewhere.

8. The winner of a prize is ineligible for the same prize the following year.

9. At the discretion of the judges, one or two honorable mentions may be awarded for any prize. To keep these entries eligible for resubmission, titles will be withheld.

10. Contest results will be announced at the February and May meetings and posted online at the PSSC website and on Facebook.

11. The PSSC reserves the right to withhold any announced prize.

\*\*Please see Skylark Guidelines for entry if you are a high school student or teacher.