

**DEPARTMENT 37**  
**2018 POETRY EXHIBITION & READING**  
**August 22 – September 3**

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**ENTRY FORM & POETRY DEADLINE: 4:30 p.m. on July 2, 2018**

*Exhibitor Fee:* \$10.00 for adults, \$3.00 for youth  
*Works Juried & Judged:* August 6 & 7  
*Notifications Mailed:* August 10

**ELIGIBILITY**

1. Only New York State residents can enter. We encourage the non-professional as well as the professional poet to submit recent, original work for competition.
2. Award winning poems and selected poems of merit will be on display during the State Fair.
3. **ALL WORKS MUST BE ORIGINAL, RECENT (WITHIN 2 YEARS) AND MUST BE THE WORK OF THE POET ENTERING ITEM.** Violation will forfeit any/all awards earned and poet will not be allowed entry in any future competition.

**SPECIFIC RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. The general rules printed in the beginning of this book and those listed herein are made a part of the conditions under which all entries of exhibitors are made, and exhibitors are respectfully requested to read them carefully to ensure they are entering their exhibit correctly and thereby avoiding confusion at the time of the Fair.
2. Entries may be made in person, on-line at [www.nysfair.org/competitions](http://www.nysfair.org/competitions) or by mail. Official entry blank for specific department must be used, except for on-line entries, and are to be mailed or dropped off to the Entry Department, New York State Fairgrounds, 581 State Fair Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13209. Checks or money orders payable to the New York State Fair. (Currency sent at your own risk.)
3. Poems must be the entrant's own original work, recent within 2 year, and not have been previously published, either in print or electronically.
4. Poems must not exceed 40 lines in length. (Approximately one, 8" x 11" page).
5. Only one (1) entry per poet. We are looking for your very best work!
6. Each poem should be computer-printed or type-written on one sheet of white paper in a simple, 12 point font.
7. Poems must be properly labeled with author's name, contact phone number, e-mail, mail address, title of work and the class entered.
8. E-mail entries will be accepted as long as they follow the proper procedure of preparation: they must be emailed as an attached pdf files before the deadline date, allowing judges enough time to fully read and consider the work. E-mail entries to:

maryellen.daino@agriculture.ny.gov.

- 9. Winning entries and honorable mention entries will be displayed. ALL ACCEPTED POEMS MUST REMAIN ON DISPLAY THE ENTIRE THIRTEEN DAYS OF THE NEW YORK STATE FAIR. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 10. There will be a group reading of winning and selected poems of honorable mention on Wednesday, August 29 at 3:00 p.m. in the Art & Home Center Empire Theatre.

**DIVISION A**

Poems **MUST BE** prompted by either the NYS Fair’s theme “Find Your Great. . .”, NYS agriculture or anything that is New York itself. Some examples are as follows: State fruit, apple; State beverage, milk; State tree, sugar maple; State flower, rose; State insect, ladybug; State bird, bluebird; State animal, beaver; State freshwater fish, brook trout; State fossil, eurypterus remipes; State gem, garnet; State muffin, apple muffin; State shell, bay scallop; State bush, lilac; State reptile, snapping turtle; State marine or saltwater fish, striped bass.

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
1. Adult – ages 18 and over – based on NYS Fair Theme “Find Your Great...” or NYS agriculture	\$100	\$75	\$50
2. Youth – ages 17 and under – based on NYS Fair Theme “Find Your Great...” or NYS agriculture	\$50	\$25	\$15

**DIVISION B**

Poems may be any theme that is deemed appropriate and follows all NYS Fair Rules and Regulations. This Division has no subject limitation.

1. Adult – ages 18 and over – no subject limitation	\$100	\$75	\$50
2. Youth – ages 17 and under – no subject limitation	\$50	\$25	\$15

**BEST OF SHOW AWARD - ADULT: \$125.00**

**BEST OF SHOW AWARD - YOUTH: \$75.00**