

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

EXPRESS YOURSELF POETRY CONTEST

How do your students express themselves?

For a chance to win, encourage your students to write an original poem using the poem form template (available at scholastic.com/poetryismypower) that addresses the Contest question: “How do you express yourself?” Entries must be handwritten on the poem form template and can be up to 100 words.

Entries will only be accepted via mail and must be postmarked by 4/30/2017 and received by 5/8/2017. In order for poems to be eligible for entry, they must be stapled to a complete entry form (see below).

If you are submitting entries on behalf of multiple students, you may use only one single entry form.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Originality and creativity (How well does the entry demonstrate creativity and originality? How well does the entry address the Contest’s theme? Is the poem unique and creative?) **(50 points)**
- Quality of entry (Is the idea communicated clearly? Is the poem well organized?) **(35 points)**
- Grammar and spelling (Does the entry reflect proper grammar and spelling?) **(15 points)**

3 GRAND PRIZE WINNERS	STUDENT PRIZE	TEACHER PRIZE
	\$400 Scholastic Gift Card OR American Girl® Gabriela™ Collection	\$100 Amex Gift Card

DEADLINE: APRIL 30, 2017

MAIL COMPLETED FORM AND POEMS TO **EXPRESS YOURSELF POETRY CONTEST**, Attn: Ted Lattis, 557 Broadway, NY, NY 10012.

Complete the Entry Form

Please fill out the form below and make sure each participating student includes their name, teacher, school, and grade on the *Express Yourself Through Poetry* worksheet.

School Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____

School City: _____ School State: _____ School Zip: _____

Teacher’s Name: _____

Teacher’s Email Address: _____

If you are a **parent** entering on behalf of your child, please also fill out the section below.

Parent’s Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent’s Email: _____

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Void where prohibited. The Express Yourself Poetry Contest (the “Contest”) is open to students in grades 3–5 who are enrolled in public schools, accredited private schools, or home schools in compliance with the laws of the students’ primary state of residence (“Schools”) and who are legal residents of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia (hereinafter referred to as “Student” or “Students”). Entries must be submitted on behalf of the students by teachers of any grade from 3–5, who currently teach in public schools, accredited private schools, or home schools in compliance with the laws of their primary state of residence, or by parents or legal guardians. Official Rules at scholastic.com/poetryismypower



Name: _____ Teacher: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Express Yourself THROUGH POETRY!

Writing **poetry** is a way to share what is really on your mind.

There is no wrong way to write a **poem**!

Write a **poem** that answers this question: How do you **express** yourself?

After you write and edit a draft of your poem, write and decorate your **poem** in the space below.