

ASPS 2023 ANNUAL CONTEST CATEGORIES

Please Read Guidelines/Rules Carefully

All poems must be no more than a maximum of **42 lines**, single-spaced and not more than **50 characters per line**. Line count includes every line, both printed and blank. A one-line title and its following blank line are not counted in the line limit. Specific forms (e.g. rondeau, sonnet, villanelle, etc.) should also follow this required format space and line limits.

1. ASPS AWARD

Any form; Any subject
Sponsor: ASPS

2. AGING

Any form
Sponsor: Walter and Regina Ralston

3. EKPHRASTIC

Based on artwork of your choice – must cite work
Any form; Any subject
Sponsor: NavWorks Press

4. OUR CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

Any form
Sponsor: Scottsdale Mustang Poets

5. FIVE C'S OF AZ

Any form; Subject: Cattle, Citrus, Climate, Cotton, and/or Copper
Sponsor: West Valley Poets

6. GARDENING

Any form
Sponsor: Laura Rodley

7. HAIKU

Any subject
Sponsor: Kenneth Pearson

8. HUMOR

Any form
Sponsor: East Valley Poets

9. JESSIE BELLE RITTENHOUSE MEMORIAL AWARD

In honor of a Poetry Society of America Founder and the 1st recipient of the Robert Frost Medal.
Form: Any rhyme scheme that uses END rhyme
Subject: The Door of Dreams
Sponsor: Linda Rittenhouse

10. LEGACY AWARD

In honor of Priscilla White, former ASPS President.
Any form; Any subject
Sponsor: Christy White

11. NATIVE LANDS AND VOICES

Any form
Subject: Indigenous places and/or people in the US
Sponsor: Lollie Butler

12. NATURE'S METAPHOR

Form: Free Verse
Sponsor: Tucson Poetry Society

13. PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED POEM

Any form; Any subject
Sponsor: Alan and Kris Perry

14. PREVIOUSLY REJECTED POEM

Any form; Any subject
Sponsor: William Moody

15. PROSE POEM

Any subject
Sponsor: Janet Rives

16. RHYMING POETRY FOR CHILDREN

Any form; Any subject
Sponsor: Elaine Powers

17. SCI-FI / FANTASY

Any form
Sponsor: Brick Cave Media

18. SHAKESPEAREAN

Form: Sonnet
Subject: Beauties of Mother Nature
Sponsor: John Crawford

19. TAPS

Only for registered attendees at a TAPS monthly reading. Submit one poem per reading to: Katie-SarahTAPS@gmail.com
Any Form; Any Subject
Sponsor: Tucson Arts Poetry Series (TAPS)

20. TRADITIONAL RHYME

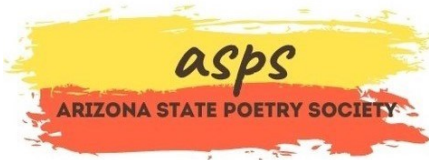
Any form; Any subject
Sponsor: Betsy Clark

21. WESTERN THEME

Any form
Sponsor: Stuart Watkins

22. WILD PLACES, OPEN SPACES

Any form
In honor of poet adventurer, John Dell. Subject: should reflect landscapes virtually devoid of human habitation and development.
Sponsor: Steve Chaffee



ARIZONA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

2023 Annual Contest

Submissions Accepted June 1 - August 31, 2023

GUIDELINES/RULES

QUALIFICATIONS

- Original, unpublished poems not currently submitted to other contests or journals/publications; eligible poems may not be withdrawn after submission
- Poems written in English only
- Each poem may be entered in only one category
- Unlimited submissions of different poems for each category
- All categories open to both ASPS members and non-members; sponsors may enter their own category
- **NOTE:** By submitting to a category, you give ASPS permission to publish your poem(s) if they win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place

FORMAT

- Times New Roman 12 point
- Single spaced only (no 1.5 or double spacing)
- No lines or illustrations
- Maximum 50 characters per line, including space between words
- Maximum 42 lines, including blank lines, epigraph, and text of any kind; **does not include title and blank line below title**

Electronic Submissions Preferred

- Submit to: AZPoetryOrg@gmail.com
- Subject Line: 2023 Annual Contest Entry
- Word or text documents **only** attached to the email: **No PDF's or Google docs**

Paper Submission(s) and Payment

- 8 1/2 x 11" white, unlined paper. No staples
- Check or Money Order payable to ASPS, mailed with submission(s) to: **Christy White, 1145 E Kaler Drive, Phoenix AZ 85020**

FEE PAYMENT OPTIONS

Electronic PayPal: <https://form.jotform.com/221418112048041>

Zelle: AZpoetryOrg@gmail.com

Paper: See Paper Submission(s)/Payment above

SUBMISSIONS MUST INCLUDE:

Summary Cover Page

Upper Right Corner

- Poet's Full Name
- Complete Mailing Address
- Email and Phone
- Number # of Poems Submitted
- Total \$ of Entry Fees Submitted

Body of Summary Page

- List the following three items for each poem: Category Number, Category Name, and Name of Poem(s)

NOTE: All 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winning oems WILL be published in *Sandcutters* anthology.

Poem(s) Page(s)

- **Upper Right Corner:** Category Number and Category Name
- **Body of Document:** Poem Title and Poem
- **DO NOT** write your name or any identifying information on this page. Your name and details are only on the Summary Page
- **DO NOT** title any poem to match the name of the category/topic you are entering

Entry Fees: Submissions without fees will be disqualified.

ASPS Members - \$2 per poem
Non-Members - \$3 per poem

Judges: Qualified Poetry Judges who are not members of ASPS will judge all categories. Their bios will appear in the 2023 anthology. All decisions are final.

Additionally: Winners will be notified in October. All winning poems will appear in the 2023 *Sandcutters* anthology, along with a listing of Honorable Mentions.

By submitting to the contest, you confirm that all your work and submissions are yours alone and that no part of your submission has been generated by ChatGPT or any other artificial intelligence content generator. We reserve the right to reject your work at any time in our review, acceptance, and publication process if we discover that content has been AI generated or otherwise plagiarized.

SAMPLE OF SUBMISSION ENTRY PAGES

Each entry consists of two separate pages to be submitted, either by postal mail or electronically emailed.

Summary Cover Page

Poet's Full Name
Street Address or PO Box
City, State, Zip
Email
Phone
Number of poems submitted
Total \$ fees submitted
Category Number and Category Name
Title of Poem
First Line of Poem
Category Number and Category Name
Title of Poem
First Line of Poem

Poem Page

Category Number
Category Name
Poem Title
(Typed Poem)

Cash prizes will be awarded to all First, Second and Third Place winners as follows:

<u>Category 1</u>		<u>Categories 2-22</u>	
First Place	\$100	First Place	\$50
Second Place	\$65	Second Place	\$30
Third Place	\$35	Third Place	\$20

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