

Annual Children's Poetry Contest

Deadline: August 26, 2025
No entry fee

Submission form available at starboard.press
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Eligibility

- Contestants must be 12 years and under
- Poems must be the original work(s) of the author
- Poems submitted must not be previously published in another journal
- Poems will be judged in two categories based on ages of contestants:
 - 5 – 8
 - 9 – 12

Prizes for each category

\$25 for First Place + certificate of award
\$15 for Second Place + certificate of award
\$10 for Third Place + certificate of award

Additional poems selected as Honorable Mentions. All winning selections will be eligible for publication in the forthcoming Fall issue of First Light, our soon-to-be biannual poetry journal. Results will be available in the second week of October. Authors of winning entries will be notified by email.

Contest Judge

Maryam Chida assists in the children's department at a public library. She also serves as the Chief Editor at Starboard Press, perusing submissions and improving the quality of our publications. Maryam is a student of history and is enthusiastic about colonial history. Two of her favorite children's books are Anne of Green Gables and The Birchbark House. Her hobbies include Taekwondo, crochet and baking.

