

First Light Fall 2025

Poetry Contest

Deadline: August 26, 2025

Entry Fee: \$5 for up to three poems

Submission form available at

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Eligibility

- Contestants must be at least 13 years old to participate
- Friends (those in close and constant association with the judge), relatives and current/former students of the judge are not eligible to enter the competition
- Poems must be the original work(s) of the author
- Poems submitted must not be previously published in another journal

Prizes

\$100 for First Place with certificate of award
\$50 for Second Place with certificate of award
\$30 for Third Place with 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 2nd week of October. Authors of winning entries will be notified by email.

Contest Judge

Oliver Khan received his MFA in creative writing from the University of Pittsburgh in 2005. His poems have appeared or are forthcoming in 3:AM, the Bangalore Review, the Breakwater Review, the Dewdrop, the Chicago Reader, and elsewhere. Oliver practices law and lives in Illinois with his family.

