

**A separate entry form must be submitted with each poem entered; however, all fees should be paid with ONE check or money order (no entry fees required for students).**

<b>Office use only:</b> Category: _____ Entry# _____ Amt. Paid _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ck# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash (mailing cash is not advised)
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## **AWAKEN THE SLEEPING POET FESTIVAL POETRY CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

Presented by the Laurel Crown Foundation  
at the Shrine Auditorium • 901 N 1604 West, San Antonio, TX 78232

**Entry Deadline:** *must be received by* February 3, 2012 ~•~ **Festival Date:** April 14, 2012

### **Festival Times:**

Students (Elementary thru High School) 10:00 a.m. ~•~ Adults (includes college) 2:00 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Whenever possible, we like to use e-mail for contacts, so please **write e-mail info legibly.**)

Poem Title: \_\_\_\_\_ (this is important to include)

**Check Your Category:**     Adult (includes college)     High School     Middle School  
                                   4th/5th grade                     2nd/3rd grade                     Kinder/1st grade

Students must give name of school: \_\_\_\_\_ / Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Poetry Contest Entry Fee: Adult/College – \$5 each poem • Students: Free (high school & under) – limit two poems

*Adults may enter as many poems as desired, but a \$5 fee must be paid for each entry. Please pay multiple fees with ONE check.*

**MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO AWAKEN THE SLEEPING POET FESTIVAL**

**AWARDS INCLUDE TROPHIES PLUS CASH PRIZES**

Adult: 1st–\$200 2nd–\$100 3rd–\$75 • High School/Middle School: 1st–\$100 2nd–\$75 3rd–\$50

Elementary (each grade division): 1st–\$75 2nd–\$50 3rd–\$25

Please tell us how you heard about the Festival? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Commitment to read if my poem is chosen (for all participants students & adults)**

Many schools have UIL competitions or other events that take place on the same date as our Festival. If you already know you will be participating in another event and will not be able to read your poem if selected, please let us know and sign the appropriate line.

**Yes, (barring illness) I will be present to read my poem if chosen.** \_\_\_\_\_

**No, I cannot be present to read, but wish to have my poem published if selected.** \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that this poem is my own original creation, and by entering this contest I give permission to publish my poem in the anthology and on your Website if selected. I further grant my permission to be photographed or interviewed in connection with the LCF Festival if such opportunity occurs:

(Your signature or parent's signature for minors) \_\_\_\_\_

You may print entry forms for your friends from our Website at [www.laurelcrown.org](http://www.laurelcrown.org)  
For additional information, e-mail us at: [info@laurelcrown.org](mailto:info@laurelcrown.org)

**Mail entry fee with poem(s) to:**

**Awaken the Sleeping Poet Festival • 2207 Parhaven Drive • San Antonio, Texas 78232**

**READ CAREFULLY: THE CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION ON THE BACK SIDE OF THIS SHEET**

## POETRY CONTEST RULES

- **Separate entry form required for each poem submitted, but pay all fees with ONE check or money order**
- **Students (high school, middle school, elementary school):** Only two entries allowed (no entry fee)
- **Adults (includes college) :** enter as many poems as you like, but a \$5 entry fee is required for each poem. Adults are asked to submit a brief biographical sketch (6 lines or less) to be used if your poem is published in the *Dreamcatcher* anthology. The bios will be edited as needed for space considerations

### CONTEST RULES FOR ALL AGES; READ CAREFULLY - Do not staple anything; use paper clips

- Poems must be unpublished and the poet's original work. You retain copyright.
- Poem Length: 28 lines or less, not counting title. KEEP POEM ON ONE PAGE! Do not staple anything. Sub-titles & epigraphs must be counted. Up to 6 spaces are allowed; all spaces over 6 must be counted as lines. (spaces take up room on the page too.)
- Line Length: approximately 60 characters. Longer lines are broken at the editor's discretion. If breaking long lines results in the poem being more than 28 lines, it will be disqualified.
- Typed in English. Words or *brief* phrases in other languages will be accepted. Please translate the phrase.
- Send this form with **two (2) copies** of your poem. **Name in upper left hand corner of first copy and no name on second copy. Type your category in upper left hand corner of both copies.**

### WINNERS, HONORABLE MENTIONS, & OTHER POEMS OF MERIT

- **Cash Award Winners** (1st, 2nd, 3rd place in each category) will be posted on our Website on February 13, 2012 and will be published on our Website as soon as possible on or after that date. Cash winners will also be published in the anthology. Cash Award winners will receive a letter of notification and an acceptance form, which must be returned before March 31, 2012. **Cash winners are *expected* to read their poems at the Festival and accept their cash awards and trophies. If a winner cannot attend, he/she *must* send a representative to read the poem in order to receive the cash award and trophy. If your poem wins an honorable mention, you will be asked to read.**
- **Honorable Mention Winners** will be invited to read their poems at the Festival and will be published in the anthology. Those who receive Honorable Mentions will receive a letter of notification and an acceptance form. The acceptance form must be returned before March 31, 2012.
- **Other Poems of Merit.** Only cash award winners and honorable mention poems will be read on the program; however, other poems of merit will be published in the *Dreamcatcher* anthology. These poets are not required to attend the festival, but we hope you will attend and join in the fun because we want you to enter again next year and perhaps be winner. Think positively and keep writing poetry.

### THE *DREAMCATCHER* ANTHOLOGY

No poet is required to purchase a *Dreamcatcher* in order to participate in this Festival. It is produced as a way of honoring your poetry and giving you the opportunity to have your poetry published. We publish a quality book that you can be proud to have on your bookshelf or give to your family and friends. The *Dreamcatcher* will be available *at* the Festival for a cost of \$15. Advance orders (those received before April 10 ) receive a discounted price of \$12. An anthology order form will be included with your letter of notification or you may order by contacting us as at [info@laurelcrown.org](mailto:info@laurelcrown.org).