

Join us in showcasing student poetry in the 31st edition of the

YOUNG AMERICAN POETRY DIGEST!

WE WANT KIDS EXCITED ABOUT WRITING!

Poetry Submission Requirements

- * We feature haiku poetry but all forms of poetry are welcome
- * Poems must be 80 words or less
- * Handwritten or typed
- * Unlimited submissions from each teacher/school
- * Multiple submissions per student allowed but please limit to one page of poetry
- * Submit poetry online at: www.youngpoets.org, or mail poetry to:

Expressive Education

P.O. Box 189

Horseshoe Bend, ID 83629

Deadline: March 14, 2025

(Postmarked)



Please see the back of this flyer for more information or contact us directly at: info@youngpoets.org.

**WE
FEATURE
HAIKU
POETRY!**

Haiku is a three line poem that follows a 5-7-5 syllable format:

*Haiku by
Jessica Barnes Age: 6
Looking at the waves
Dolphins play in blue waters
Sandy, peaceful beach*



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Project Description

*Over the past 30 years, we have invited teachers from across the nation to submit their students' poetry for consideration in the Young American Poetry Digest. Our mission is to work with teachers to discover ways to motivate students to write for pleasure and to help them see writing as a joy - a struggle worth pursuing. This project provides an opportunity for kids of all writing abilities to express themselves and share their hard work on a national platform. Each participating school will receive a **complimentary copy** of the digest for the school library. The top ten schools with the most submissions will also be granted a \$100 award!*

Poems submitted are reviewed by a panel of teachers who select the best poems based on the **overall quality** of the poem in light of the student's age and grade level and determined by the following criteria:

Creativity Age-appropriate language STRUCTURE
Sensory/figurative images Poetic techniques

Each child's poem is reviewed, and no decision is made on selecting the poem based on the number of children in a school or given classroom. We do not eliminate a poem because many children's poems in a class are chosen for publication. Some classrooms may experience a 100% acceptance rate while others may experience a 0% acceptance rate. Our national acceptance average is typically around 65%. Please let us know of any special circumstances concerning your students and their submissions.

Please include the following submission information for each student:

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Student Mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Teacher/Librarian Name: _____

School Name: _____

Teacher/Librarian Email: _____

of Poems: _____ # Words per Poem: _____