

Love Writing? Share your talent!

Enter your POEM in the annual Paskack Valley Junior Woman's Club Poetry Contest. The first-place winner's poem will be sent for judging in the New Jersey State Woman's Clubs Youth Creative Writing Contest. First-place state winners in each category will be sent for judging in the GFWC National Contest by the State Chairman. Past regional winners have gone on to win at the state and national levels!

This year's **POETRY** theme is: **post, tweet, snap**

Entrants must be in grades 6-12. One entry per student.

Submissions are due by December 16, 2019

Winners will be notified by January 31, 2020

Mail submissions to:

GFWC PASKACK JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

P.O. Box 373

Park Ridge, NJ 07656

Email submissions to:

PJWCcreativewriting@gmail.com

Any questions, please contact: inquiries@paskackjuniors.org

Official Youth Poetry Contest Rules:

- *Students must be in grades 6-12. One entry per student. (Entries will be divided for judging: a category for Grades 6, 7, 8 and a category for Grades 9, 10, 11, 12.)*
- *Poems may be any style with a minimum length of 8 lines and a maximum of 30 lines.*
- *Entries must be typed, double-spaced, printed on one side only, with minimum margins of 1 inch on all four sides, and on 8 ½ inches x 11 inches paper.*
- *Entries must have the following information in the top right-hand corner of each page: author's name, grade, contact phone number, and title of the manuscript. Grades 6, 7, and 8, please write **Category 3** below your personal details. Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12, please write **Category 4** below your personal details.*
- *Manuscripts must be an original work by the author. Authors must be amateurs with earnings from writing not exceeding \$500 annually. Entries must be written during the contest year and may not have been published prior to the competition.*
- *All entries are judged on content, organization, and form. Decision of the judges is FINAL.*
- *If selected for the State competition, the student's contact information (phone and mailing address) must be submitted, along with a release form signed by the author's parent or guardian. The winner will need to provide an additional copy of their work for submission.*
- *First Place State Winners in each category will be sent for judging in the GFWC National Contest by the State Chairman.*
- *Manuscripts will not be returned. Authors should retain a copy.*