

# Texas Renaissance Festival School Days 2019 Poetry Contest Rules and Registration

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All grade levels are welcome to try their hand at this artistic endeavor with the English Language.

## Registration Information

- ❖ Students may enter an original work the 2018 School Days Poetry Competition in one of the four following categories based upon their age and grade:
  - **Elementary** (grades K-4/ages 5-10)
  - **Intermediate** (grades 5-6/ages 10-12)
  - **Middle School** (grades 7-8/ages 12-14)
  - **High School** (grades 9-12/ages 14-18)
- ❖ Online entry deadline is **October 11, 2019**. **Elementary students only may submit handwritten poems. The postmark deadline for those entries is Oct. 6.** Any entries received with a post mark after this date will not be entered into the contest. Limit one entry per student.
- ❖ All submissions become the property of the Texas Renaissance Festival, Inc., and may be considered for publication in a forthcoming anthology and may appear on the website [www.texrenfest.com](http://www.texrenfest.com) . The Texas Renaissance Festival, Inc. will acquire all copyrights to submitted materials.

## Contest Guidelines

- ❖ **Poetry Themes and Guidelines**
  - Poems should reflect Renaissance Period themes such as knights, maidens, royalty, fairies, dragons, historical figures, etc.
  - Entries should consist of one poem of no more than 20 lines. Poems which exceed the line limits will not be accepted into the competition. Only one entry per student will be accepted.
  - Poems will be judged on originality, creativity and artistic quality.
- ❖ Poetry judges will consist of English Literature educators approved by the Texas Renaissance Festival. All judges' decisions are final.
- ❖ Awards will be given to the first, second and third place finalists in each category. Awards will be presented to the winners at the Academic Awards Ceremony held at the Sea Devil Tavern at 2:00 each day. Check the School Days schedule of events.
- ❖ Elementary poetry can be submitted online or mailed with the registration form (found below). All others should be submitted online.

**NOTE: Commercial photography and filming activities are conducted at the Texas Renaissance Festival. You may appear in the resulting pictures or films that may be used in connection with advertising, news reporting, entertainment or other activities. Entry into the park and/or purchase of an admission ticket constitutes your consent for the Texas Renaissance Festival to use the pictures and films.**

**Elementary Poetry Contest Registration Form 2019**

**(Please Print)**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Day attending (circle one):**      **Tues. 11/5/19**      **Wed. 11/6/19**

**Teacher/Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(no student phone numbers)**

**Teacher Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School/ Group Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School/Group Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Piece:** \_\_\_\_\_

**All Entries Should Be Mailed To:**

Texas Renaissance Festival  
21778 FM 1774  
Todd Mission, TX 77363  
Attn: School Days Coordinator