



2021 Colorado State Fair
General Entry & Fine Arts Department
Poetry Competition

Entry Fee- \$2.00 per poem

Age Groups

ADULT | 18 years of age and older

YOUTH | 17 years of age and younger

Colorado is home to musicians, artists, and storytellers. It is a rural escape for some, and an immersive urban adventure for others. The diversity of people, culture, and wildlife is what has captured the hearts of so many as they've passed through or settled in. The Colorado State Fair Poetry Competition provides another point of connection and a way to share our experiences- from our hearts and through our words. We invite writers of all ages to enter the fourth annual Colorado State Fair Poetry Competition. The competition will conclude with a reading during the Colorado State Fair to give winning poets and finalists the opportunity to share their work.

Prizes in each age group

Placing poets and finalists will be asked to read their work at the Colorado State Fair *Night to Recite*

1st place ribbon, \$15

2nd place ribbon, \$10

3rd place ribbon, \$5

Schedule

Entry deadline - Friday, July 23, 2021, by 4:00 p.m.

Online Only Extension entry deadline - Monday, August 9, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.

Deadline all actual poems must be received - Monday, August 9, 2021 by Midnight

Judging - (closed to the public) Winners will be announced on the CSF website and notified prior to the live reading

Reading - Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m., in the Fine Arts Building

Competition and Entry Information (All competition rules and guidelines are **in addition** to *2021 General Competition Requirements* as well as *GE/FA 2021 Competition & Entry Requirements*)

1. Poem(s) must be your original and unpublished writing.
2. One poem may be up to 40 lines, excluding title and epigraphs, per entry fee. Maximum of three poems per writer.
3. **All poems must be typed and submitted in a digital .pdf format. Poem(s) must be emailed to ge@coloradostatefair.com with Subject Line: "Poetry Entry" and your name. NO EXCEPTIONS**
4. Writers retain all rights to their work.
5. **Do not** include your name or other identifying information on the poem.
6. Materials containing strong language, or graphic depictions, will be read after the Youth category.