



2024 Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition
General Entry & Fine Arts Department
Poetry Competition

Entry Fee- \$5.00 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 and Industrial Exposition 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 and Industrial Exposition Poetry Competition. The competition will conclude with a reading during the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition to give winning poets and finalists the opportunity to share their work.

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

Prizes in each age group: 1st place ribbon, \$15
 2nd place ribbon, \$10
 3rd place ribbon, \$5

I. Schedule

- A. **Entry deadline** - Wednesday, July 17, 2024, by 4:00 p.m.
- B. **Online Only Extension** entry deadline - Monday, August 5, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.
- C. **Deadline all actual poems must be received digitally** - Monday, August 5, 2024 by Midnight
- D. **Judging** - (closed to the public) Winners will be announced on the CSF website and notified before the live reading
- E. **Reading** - Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m., in the Fine Arts Building

II. Entry Requirements (these requirements are in addition to the *2024 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements* and the *General Entry & Fine Arts 2024 Competition & Entry Requirements*, and the *Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct*)

- A. Poem(s) must be your original and unpublished writing.
- B. One poem may be up to 40 lines, excluding title and epigraphs, per entry fee. Maximum of three poems per writer.
- C. All poems must be typed and submitted in a digital .pdf format. Poem(s) must be emailed to ge@coloradostatefair.com with the Subject Line: "Poetry Entry", the Name of your poem, and your name. No exceptions.
- D. Writers retain all rights to their work.
- E. Do not include your name or other identifying information on the poem.

F. Materials containing strong language, or graphic depictions, will be read after the Youth category.