

ESSEX YOUNG POET OF THE YEAR COMPETITION RULES

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Categories: Key Stage 1, Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5

Prizes: Book tokens for the winner of each category. The best poems (approx.30) will be published in an anthology, subject to funding

Closing Date: End of the Summer Term or 31 July 2019

Results: Late September 2019

- The competition is only open to young people attending school or resident in Essex
- Schools are invited to submit entries from their pupils. Individual entries are also welcome
- Each poem should be printed (or written legibly) with its title and the poet's age on a single sheet of paper. The poet's name should not appear anywhere on this sheet
- One copy of each poem must be stapled to a completed application form. A second copy of the poem (photocopy) should be attached by paperclip
- Poems should have been composed since 31 July 2018, must be unpublished and must not have won a prize or recommendation in any other competition, nor be awaiting judgement in a current competition. Each candidate can submit up to 3 poems
- Ideally, poems should explore aspects of mental health (though other themes are welcome), in any poetic form. Maximum length 32 lines
- Competition will be judged by a panel of local poets
- The decision of the judges is final and will not be discussed with candidates or their representatives
- Prizes will be presented at a Chelmsford venue (tbc) during the day on Saturday 19 October 2019
- A list of winning entries will be displayed on the Ideas Hub website and sent to the local press
- Unfortunately, manuscripts cannot be returned
- For further information, contact Adrian Deakes adeakes67@gmail.com