



**Poets & Patrons 59<sup>th</sup> Annual  
CHICAGOLAND POETRY CONTEST  
Deadline: September 1, 2015**

**PRIZES: \$45, \$20, \$10 and three HMs in each category. Non-members may enter all open categories (1 poem per category) for \$15; members may enter for \$12. Each additional poem \$2 (\$1 for members).**

- #1 RELIGIOUS POEM (open to all)**
- #2 HUMOROUS POEM (open to all)**
- #3 FORMAL VERSE (open to all)**
- #4 FREE VERSE (open to all)**
- #5 SOCIAL CONSCIENCE (open to all)**
- #6 MINIATURE POEM (open to all)**
- #7 NATURE (open to all)**
- #8 MIDWEST THEME (open to all)**
- #9 CHICAGO ART and/or ARCHITECTURE (open to P & P members and Chicagoland residents)**
- #10 CHICAGO NEWS, POLITICS, & HISTORY (open to P & P members and Chicagoland residents)**
- #11 OUTDOOR CHICAGO (open to P & P members and Chicagoland residents)**
- #12 CHICAGO: A NIGHT OUT (open to P & P members and Chicagoland residents)**

## CONTEST RULES

Categories #1 through #8 are open to all. Categories #9 through #12 are open to members and other persons living within 100 miles of Chicago. Poems must be in English and unpublished. Poems may not be entered if they have won earlier cash awards from Poets & Patrons. Do not enter the same poem in two or more categories. Line limit: 60 lines. Miniature poem: 12 lines.

Type or computer-generate on 8 ½ x 11” standard paper. Use no unusual fonts or graphics. Send 2 copies of each poem. In the upper right-hand corner of each copy, place number, category, form of poem (for Formal) and the title of the poem. At the top left of one copy, place ID (name, address, web address, and phone number of poet). Do not staple pages together, unless your poem takes a second page. Label these p. 1 and p. 2. Organize your entries by category number, first the identified copy, and then the unidentified copy. Please send all entries flat, in a single mailing, using first class mail, postmarked no later than September 1, 2015. Be sure to enclose your check (\$15; \$12 for members) made payable to Poets & Patrons, Inc. If you want a winners’ list, enclose SASE.

Send entries, inquiries, and fees to: Barbara Eaton, Contest Chair, 416 Gierz Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515-3838. Poet retains all rights. Poems will not be returned. Judges are out-of-state professionals, and their decisions are final. Winners will be notified in mid-October, and awards will be presented at the Awards Celebration in late October. Winners will also be posted at [www.poetsandpatrons.net](http://www.poetsandpatrons.net).