

Odyssey Poetry Contest Rules



The contest is divided into the following divisions:

1. Adult Poets (Ages 18+)
2. School Age Poets (9th - 12th grade at contest deadline)
3. Young School Age Poets (5th - 8th grade at contest deadline)

Entry Guidelines:

- By entering the contest, the author agrees to abide by all contest rules.
- There is no entrance fee.
- Only one entry is allowed per person. Only one division can be entered per triad. No simultaneous or previously published entries will be accepted.
- Poems must be science fiction or fantasy in nature and 100 lines or less in length.
- All entries must be in English. All communication will be done in English.
- All entries must be the author's original work. No fan-fiction is permitted. Any plagiarism will result in the immediate disqualification of the entry.
- No graphic sex, language, violence, or profanity (as determined by the judges) will be allowed.
- Team members of Sibyl's Scriptorium and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.
- All entries must be submitted electronically by the triad deadline.

Triad Information and Deadlines:

- The contest year is divided into three Triads.
- Each triad will have up to three finalists for each division.
- Finalists are not eligible to enter another Triad during the contest year.
- Triad deadlines are July 1st, November 1st, and March 1st.

Submission Preparation Guidelines:

- All manuscripts must be in Microsoft Word format.
- Entries need to have one-inch margins with a 12-point monospaced font, such as Courier New. For more specifics please see the example entry provided.
- The poet's name and all identifying information must not appear anywhere on the poem.
- Each page of the manuscript must include a header with the poem's title, a page number, and contest division information.
- The file name must be the title of the poem.

Judging Information:

- All judging will be done blindly to avoid any bias of the judges.
- All judging decisions are final.
- Finalists will be announced after each Triad's judging is completed.

Thank you for your interest in the Odyssey Poetry Contest. Please pass word of the contest on to anyone you feel may be interested.

Please email contests@sibscript.org for any questions or information.

