

# River of Words<sup>®</sup> Contest Entry Form



## CONTEST DEADLINE:

*U.S. entries must be postmarked by December 1<sup>st</sup>! International entries must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup>!*

**STUDENT FORM INSTRUCTIONS:** ATTACH this form to back of each entry facing outward

**INDIVIDUAL ENTRY:** If you created your entry all on your own, without an assignment or leadership, then enter as an individual and send in your piece by itself. **Check the Individual Entry here**

**GROUP ENTRY:** If you created your entry as an assignment in school, a scout troop, or with any other group or organization with a teacher or leader, your teacher/leader will send in your entry along with all the others in the group. **Check the Group Entry here**

For all Educators/Facilitators: If you led a group to create ROW entries, submit all of the entries in your group together and make sure that a completed entry form is attached to each piece. **In addition, complete a Facilitator Form and a class list to submit with each group.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_

Title of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_ Art:  Poem:  (Check one)

For artwork, what medium did you use? (acrylic, pencil, pastel..?) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant and assign to River of Words (ROW) the non-exclusive right and permission, in respect of the original artwork, writing, photos or video that I have submitted to River of Words, to use, re-use, publish, and re-publish, and otherwise reproduce, and display the same, individually or in conjunction with other original artwork, writing, photos, and video, in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world, for illustration, promotion, art, advertising, and trade, or any other purpose whatsoever; and to use my child's name to identify the author of the work in connection with my participation in the River of Words Program. I understand that any use of this submitted work will include my child's name as its creator. I hereby release and discharge River of Words from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the original artwork, writing, photos, and video, including without limitations any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. In any of the winning categories, River of Words maintains the exclusive right to declare no winner and withhold prizes if no poem or artwork of merit is found. ROW assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged poetry or artwork. River of Words may sell, assign, license, or otherwise transfer all rights granted to it hereunder. This authorization and release shall also inure to the benefit of the successors, legal representatives, licensees, and assigns of River of Words. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns. I further release River of Words from any responsibility for injury incurred during the research or production of the original artwork, writing, photos and video.

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian/Asian American
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- Two or more races
- Decline to state

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the **parent or guardian** of the above-named minor, hereby consent to and join in the foregoing release and consent on behalf of said minor.

**Pledge of Originality:** I declare and avow that the poem(s) or art I am submitting to the River of Words Contest is my own original work.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### For Group Entries

School/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Educator/Facilitator(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Org Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Educator/Facilitator(s) Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## RIVER OF WORDS CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

1. The contest is open to K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade enrolled students, ages 5-19. Youth older than 19 who are still enrolled in high school are eligible.
2. Youth may enter the contest as many times as they like. **Teachers/Facilitators should submit all the Group entries from their classes together. Every group entry MUST include a Facilitator Form (completed by the facilitator) and a class list.** Please note: Students names only need to be posted on the list once, even if the student submits multiple entries. Class lists also do not need to be split into art and poetry sections.
3. All entrants will be acknowledged with a Watershed Explorer Certificate.
4. All poems must be original work. Physical poetry submissions must be either typed or legibly written in ink (not pencil) and mailed with a completed Paper Entry Form. **One Paper Entry Form per poem.** When mailed, poems and their Paper Entry Forms should be attached back-to-back, glued, taped or printed double sided. No staples or paperclips. ASL poetry must be submitted on DVD and mailed. **Poems should not exceed 32 lines in length (written) or 3 minutes (signed).** For ASL poetry, please include a brief written summary of the poem's content, and glue or staple this summary to your entry form. Collaborative poems are accepted, but only one child (chosen as the group representative) will be eligible for any prizes awarded. *We are able to accept poems only in English, Spanish and American Sign Language.*
5. All artwork must be original work. **Artwork should not exceed 11" by 17" in size-no exceptions.** Acceptable media are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk or pastel (fixed), photography, cloth, collage and computer art. (Photo entries must be at least 8x10 inches.) **All art entries must be mailed.** All entries must have the student's name, school, city and state **on the back** — do not use a marker or anything that will show through! A completed **Paper Entry Form** or **Email Confirmation of a Online Entry Form** must also be affixed to the back of each piece of artwork with glue or tape (be careful not to run damage the artwork) — do not use paperclips or staples! **We do not accept color copies—all entries must be original work.**
6. Art entries must be done on paper that will allow for duplication, display or framing. Please, no notebook or typing paper, and **do not mat, mount, laminate, frame or fold artwork.** Entries must be mailed flat or rolled in a tube — no folding, please!
7. Submissions become property of River of Words. Through submission of poetry or artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted which will not be returned.
8. **DEADLINE: All U.S. entries must be postmarked by December 1. International entries must be received by February 1.** We are not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail. Entries received after the deadline will be automatically entered in next year's contest.
9. Winners will be announced in April of each year.\* Winners must sign an acceptance form.

*\*River of Words reserves the right to not award a Grand Prize winner in any given category if no entry merits such designation.*