

Poetry Competition 2018 Rules

The Competition is open to Primary and Post Primary Pupils

1. Entries should be in English.
2. The closing date for entries is 16/3/2018. Entries should be submitted to Kilkenny Education Centre to arrive no later than 4pm on this day. Teachers are asked to select **no more than two entries** to submit from their class/year group.
3. The themes of the competition are *School Life/Learning*. Only poems related to these themes will be shortlisted.
4. There is no entry fee.
5. Poems must have a title and not exceed 30 lines in length (not including the title of the poem).
6. Entries should be in hardcopy by post or hand delivered to Kilkenny Education Centre and should be accompanied by an Entry Form (see attached). Please note: We will not confirm that your entry has been received.
7. Hardcopy poems should be printed in black ink on an A4 sheet in Calibri body font, size 14. Poems may span two pages but pages must not be double sided. Entries can be double or single spaced. Please do not staple pages. However, clear handwritten work will also be accepted. While accompanying illustrations are allowed, the poems will be judged solely on the quality of their writing.

8. Poems must be the original work of the entrant and must have not been previously published, in print or online, nor have won a prize in another competition.

9. All poems are judged anonymously. The accompanying entry label should, therefore, be affixed to the back of each hardcopy entry.

Entries should include school name and address, the entrant's name, the teacher's name and contact details – email and phone number and the entrant's class level.

10. Entries will not be returned, unless we are specifically requested to do so. Please keep a copy. No corrections or alterations can be made after entries have been received.

11. The Competition organisers reserve the right to change the judging panel without notice.

13. The judges' decision is final. Neither Poetry Ireland nor Kilkenny Education Centre will enter into any correspondence regarding the final decision or regarding individual entries.

14. Prize-winners will be notified in the week beginning 09th April 2018 and winning entrants, along with their teachers and parents, will be invited to an Awards Ceremony in the Watershed Theatre, Kilkenny on Poetry Day Ireland, April 26th 2018. The band *Seo Linn* will be playing at the Ceremony. Winning entries and photographs of winning poets may be published on the Kilkenny Education Centre and Poetry Ireland websites.

15. Authors of the winning poems, by entering the Competition, grant Kilkenny Education Centre and Poetry Ireland the right to publish or broadcast the poem as they see fit.

16. Entering the Competition implies acceptance of all the rules. Entries that fail to comply with the rules of the Competition will be disqualified.