The Skylark Prize
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The Poetry Society of South Carolina
In memory of author John Bennett (1865-1956),
a founder of the Poetry Society

The Poetry Society of South Carolina offers a cash prize of $500 for a poem written by a student enrolled in a high school English class in South Carolina (English 1 to English 4 or an English elective). The winning poem will be published in The Society’s Yearbook, and the winner will be invited to read the poem at the May meeting in Charleston.

The poem, including the title, may not exceed 32 lines, including the title and all blank lines. To keep the judging anonymous, each entry consists of two pages, stapled together, and the following: (1) the text of the poem, with the title at the top of the page; and (2) a separate title page with the poem’s title, author’s name, author’s postal and email addresses, and the name of the school. Each entry must be accompanied by a statement of enrollment signed by the principal.

Publication in a school magazine does not render a poem ineligible. The head of each school’s English Department is to select no more than ten poems and mail them as a group for the competition.

The deadline is April 1, 2023.

Please mail entries to:
Skylark Prize Contest Chairperson
The Poetry Society of South Carolina
P.O. Box 1090
Charleston, SC 29402

If you have questions, contact Ed Gold at edsgold@aol.com, and please include "Skylark Contest" in the subject line.

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