

## The Poetry Society of Virginia Initiatives for Young Poets

Student PSV Membership

Cost: \$10.00

Join at <https://www.poetrysocietyofvirginia.org/>

Classroom PSV Membership

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### PSV Student Contest

January 19, 2024 is the deadline for poems.

Enter the contest on Submittable

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### Poetry in the Schools

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### Young Poets in the Community

Dec. 2, 2023 is the deadline for 2023-2024 applications.

Contact: [PSVYoungPoets@gmail.com](mailto:PSVYoungPoets@gmail.com)

### Virginia Voices

Virginia Voices is a Centennial initiative by Angela Dribben, former Vice President of the Western Region. Since May 2022, Virginia Voices has featured two PSV poets reading three poems and answering three questions at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Since June 2023, Virginia Voices has featured one established poet and one young poet, beginning with students who have been selected as Young Poets in the Community.

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## VA Poets Laureate

### First Virginia Youth Poet Laureate

Kashvi Ramani

### Virginia Poet Laureate

Margaret Daramola

The Virginia Youth Poet Laureate Program is part of the larger National Youth Poet Laureate Program. Teens With a Purpose (TWP) launched the inaugural Virginia Youth Poet Laureate Program in 2023. The Virginia Youth Poet Laureate Program seeks to identify young writers who are committed to civic and community engagement, performance poetry, leadership, and education across the state of Virginia. For more information, visit the TWP website: <https://www.twp-themovement.org/what-we-do/yp/>. The Poetry Society of Virginia is a supportive partner of Teens With a Purpose.

## PSV Resources for Teachers and Students

For more information about The Poetry Society of Virginia, visit our website:

<https://www.poetrysocietyofvirginia.org/>

Recorded readings are available for classroom use (prescreen for age appropriateness):

<https://www.youtube.com/@virginiapoetryonline5270>

<https://www.youtube.com/@poetrysocietyofvirginia7859/videos>



2023

## The Poetry Society of Virginia Annual Student Contest

Founded in 1923 at the College of William and Mary, The Poetry Society of Virginia (PSV) seeks to promote the writing and enjoyment of poetry through a wide range of programs and events, offered in seven regions across Virginia. The Society sponsors annual contests for students and adults, virtual and in-person readings by members and visiting poets, poetry workshops, festivals and other events for poets of all ages. Membership in the society has grown to over four hundred, with about fifteen percent from outside Virginia. The organization is instrumental in assisting the Governor of Virginia with the selection of Poet Laureate. An appointed committee makes recommendations to the organization's elected President who then forwards nominations to the Governor for his final review and decision.

# The Poetry Society of Virginia

## 2024 Student Contest

**DEADLINE: JANUARY 19, 2024**

Categories S-1 through S-6 are open to any student locally or internationally.

- **S-1 Grades 3-4**  
Any form. Any subject.  
35 line limit  
Awards: \$25, \$15, \$10
- **S-2 Grades 5-6**  
Any form. Any subject.  
35 line limit  
Awards \$25, \$15, \$10
- **S-3 Grades 7-8**  
Any form. Any subject.  
35 line limit  
Awards \$25, \$15, \$10
- **S-4 Grades 9-10**  
Any form. Any subject.  
35 line limit  
Awards \$25, \$15, \$10
- **S-5 Grades 11-12**  
Any form. Any subject.  
35 line limit  
Awards \$25, \$15, \$10
- **The Jenkins Prize**  
Sponsored by Amber, Alyssa, & Annika Jenkins  
For 9th and 10th grades  
Any form. Any subject.  
35 line limit.  
Awards: \$25, \$15, \$10

## Additional Opportunities for Virginia Students

- **The Poetry Society Prize**  
Sponsored by a Poetry Society of VA member  
Exclusively for Virginia students in Grades 6-8  
Any form.  
Subject: Sports  
or other challenge you faced.  
35 line limit.  
Awards: \$25, \$15, \$10
- **The Virginia Student Prize**  
Sponsored by a Poetry Society of VA Member  
Exclusively for Virginia students in Grades 9-12  
Any form. Any subject.  
35 line limit.  
Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20
- **Spoken Word Prize**  
Exclusively for Virginia students..  
3 min. maximum (.3gp or MP4)  
Submit text of poem or recording by contest  
deadline, January 19th. Judging will take place  
at Spoken Word Zoom Contest on Saturday,  
Feb. 3, 2024, at 4 p.m. You may perform live on  
Zoom or play your recording. Zoom details will  
be sent out to those who submit.  
First prize only: \$25.



## Contest Rules

- All PSV Student Contest categories are free to enter, but classroom or student memberships are encouraged.
- All entries must be original and unpublished. Author retains copyright.
- Submit only one poem per student in each eligible category.
- No poem may be entered more than once.
- Poems that have previously won an award in The Poetry Society of Virginia contest are not eligible for entry.
- Poems submitted to the PSV Student Contest cannot be submitted to the PSV Adult Contest.
- Poems must be predominantly in English; a few foreign words are acceptable.
- All poems are presented anonymously to the judges.

## Submission Guidelines

- We accept electronic submissions only. Submit all poetry through Submittable.
- If you don't have a Submittable Account, instructions for creating an account are available here: <https://submittable.help/en/articles/7940128-getting-started-as-a-new-submitter>.
- In Submittable, search for Poetry Society of Virginia or use the "submit" button on our web page: <https://www.poetrysocietyofvirginia.org>.
- Follow the directions in Submittable.

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(Edgar Allan Poe's Birthday)