

**AILEEN JAFFA YOUNG POETS CONTEST**  
**Co-sponsored by MoSt (Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center) and the National**  
**League of American Penwomen (NLAPW), Modesto chapter.**

This contest is offered as a means of encouraging young writers throughout Stanislaus County and as a way to remember poet Aileen Jaffa, the founding President of the Poets of the San Joaquin and member of the Modesto Branch of the National League of American Pen Women.

**Eligibility and Deadline**

Any student enrolled in a Stanislaus County school, grades K through 12, is eligible to submit up to 3 entries, **at \$1 per entry**. Each entry, except for typing, must be the original creative work of the student, although parents or teachers may provide encouragement.

Postmark deadline for submissions is **April 3, 2020**.

Mail submissions to **MoSt Poetry, P.O. Box 578940, Modesto, CA 95357**

**Categories**

Poems will be placed in categories according to the student's year in school.

1. Grades K – 3      2. Grades 4 – 6      3. Grades 7 – 9      4. Grades 10 – 12

**Judging and Entry specifications**

Poems will be judged by adult poets who are knowledgeable about young people's work. Any poem that shows evidence of plagiarism will be disqualified. **Poems may be in any style, but no longer than 24 lines**. Two copies of each poem must be submitted: one copy should contain the title and poem, but no identification of the author; the other copy should contain the student's name and a copy of the entry form below, and the \$1 entry fee.

**Awards and Recognition**

First, second and third place winners in each category will receive cash awards from the **MoSt Poetry Center**. Prizes are: First Place \$25, Second Place \$15, Third Place \$10. In addition, the **Modesto Branch of the National League of American Pen Women** will award a *\$60 Aileen Jaffa Outstanding Poem* award in each of two combined categories, Categories 1 and 2, and Categories 3 and 4. The current president of the NLAPW Modesto chapter will present the awards, and the winning poems will be read at an **Awards Ceremony at 2 P.M. on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 at the Carnegie Arts Center, 250 N. Broadway, Turlock.**

For more information, contact [info@mostpoetry.org](mailto:info@mostpoetry.org)

*Fill out and attach a copy of this form to one copy of each poem*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Boy    Girl    Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above poem is my own original creation (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_