



LAKE PLACID INSTITUTE FOR THE ARTS & HUMANITIES

Please join us for The 2025/2026 Great Adirondack Young People's Poetry Contest!

This program was initiated in 1998 by the Lake Placid Institute for the Arts and Humanities. It originated from the recognition that poetry is not only a fundamental literary art but also an accessible form of writing for students of all ages. Lake Placid Center for the Arts, now Arts Center Lake Placid, is thrilled to continue this successful and treasured program.

Each year, over 400 entries are received from students in Grades 1-12 in public, private, and home schools within and around the Adirondack Park.

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions will be accepted through **March 1, 2026**. Please make sure to include the poet's name and grade, teacher's name and email address, school, school address and school phone number with each poem submitted.

Two entries by each student may be sent to Tara Palen, Arts Center Director of Education and Outreach, by email at tara@lakeplacidarts.org or by mail: Arts Center Lake Placid, 17 Algonquin Drive, Lake Placid, NY 12946.

Poems selected for their special merit will be published in the booklet, *Words from the Woods*. Poets selected will have the opportunity to recite their work at a Spring 2026 awards ceremony at Arts Center (date to be announced).

Please feel free to distribute this information to other colleagues who may be interested.

If you have any questions, please contact Tara at tara@lakeplacidarts.org.

We look forward to working with you and receiving this year's student poems!





GUIDELINES

- Students must reside or attend school in counties located (or partially located) in the Adirondack Park.
- Poets must be enrolled in Grades 1-12 (including public, private, or home schooling).
- All poems must be original. Please no obscenities.
- Entries are limited to two poems per student.
- Poems may be of any length and in any form of verse (rhyme, meter, free, blank, etc).
- All entries must include the following information:
 - *Student's Name:*
 - *Grade:*
 - *Poem Title:*
 - *Teacher's Name:*
 - *Teacher's Email Address:*
 - *School:*
 - *School Address:*
 - *School Phone Number:*
- All entries must be emailed or postmarked by March 1, 2026, to tara@lakeplacidarts.org or:

*Arts Center Lake Placid
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