Guidelines for the Robeson Community College Poetry Contest

The English department is sponsoring this event. All contestants must do the following:

1. Fill out the application form completely. (Incomplete application forms accompanying the entry will result in disqualification.)
2. There are two themes for this year’s contest including: **“The Power of Good”** and **“Don’t Judge a Book by Its Cover”.**
3. Enter typed entries that are 500 words or less; all words, except for the title, will count towards the overall total. (Any entry over 500 words will be disqualified.)
4. Enter original and unpublished entries.
5. Enter one entry per person with the accompanying application form.
6. Don’t include author’s name on the entry; only center the title above the poem. (All entries will be judged blindly. Any entries including the author’s name on the entry or within the entry will be disqualified.)
7. Include author’s name only on the application form.

**\*Note- All judges’ decisions are final.**

**Categories**

There are two categories for the poetry contest this year. Find your category.

* Robeson Community College Students including Early College and CCP students as well
* Robeson Community College Faculty and Staff

**Prizes**

Prizes or recognition will be awarded for all categories depending upon placement such as first or second place.

**Recognition**

1. Each winner receives an invite to read his or her poetry at an event celebrating April’s National Poetry month. (**Restricted due to COVID safety procedures)**
2. Winners will have an opportunity to be on the community college Facebook page.
3. Winners will also be given an opportunity to submit an electronic copy of their poem to be published in the RCC literary publication of *Rhyme and Reason.*

**Deadline**

The deadline for submission of entry with completed application is Friday, April 9, 2021.

**Entry Return**

For return of an entry, please see Ms. Lofton in building 4, room 418 or include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry.

**Mail Entry To:** Attention: Mrs. Sherry Lofton **Drop Entry in Envelope:** In Poetry

 P.O. Box 1420 **OR** contest box in the library at the front desk

 Lumberton, NC 28359 or the poetry box in the English

 Department, building 4.

Application for Robeson Community College Contest

Deadline: April 9, 2021

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student I.D. # (Required if a student):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Entry Category (Please Check One):

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Robeson Community College Students
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Robeson Community College Faculty or Staff

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Signature:*

Place signature on the above line if you wish to grant publication rights. If you are a minor under the age of 18, please have a parent or guardian sign the above line.

For Committee Use Only

Date Postmarked: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Words: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Poetry or Prose Entry: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Poem # (A-Z):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_