The 2016 Somerset National Poetry Prize

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Important – please read carefully

- The Somerset National Poetry Prize is open to ALL current secondary students who are Australian citizens or permanent residents attending school in Australia. Students receiving home schooling are eligible to enter. Entrants must be under 19 years of age as at date of close of entries on 11 December 2015.
- There are two categories:
  Junior Secondary – Years 7 to 9
  Senior Secondary – Years 10 to 12
- One winner will be selected from each category and at the discretion of the Judges, up to five short-listed highly commended runners up will be selected.
- The winner in each category will receive $300 plus flights to attend the Somerset Celebration of Literature festival.
- The entry must be the student’s original work of no more than 50 lines excluding the title, on any subject, and must be unpublished (also not published online) and not have won a prize previously.
- Each poem should be typed on one sided A4 size paper, font size 12 and pages should be numbered. Each entry must be submitted online preferably as a PDF. The student’s name must not appear on the poem, but on the entry form only.
- Student may submit multiple entries although an entry fee of $15 is payable for each poem. Entries will not be accepted without full payment.
- Entries by facsimile, mail or email will not be accepted.
- Entrants are advised to retain a copy for their records.
- The use of profanity and undesirable content is not permitted.
- All winning poems and short-listed poems will be published on the Festival website.
- Category winners will have the opportunity to attend the Somerset Celebration of Literature, be billeted by students of the Somerset Wordsmiths’ Club, and attend the events of the Somerset Celebration of Literature festival over the three days, where the National winners will be announced and awarded prizes at the Literary Dinner.
- The National winners will be listed on our web site, www.somerset.qld.edu.au/celebration-of-literature after they have been personally notified.
- The judges’ decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

OPENING DATE: 3 August 2015

ENTRIES CLOSE: 11 December 2015 at 5.00pm

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