

Entry Form

The undersigned submits and enters the attached manuscript of original poetry in the **2008 Rip Van Winkle Poetry Competition** and has read the guidelines and agrees to abide by them.

Guidelines for Submission

The Rip Van Winkle Award is given to encourage emerging poets, and to give credence to their work. Contestants must be living citizens who neither have published, nor are committed to publish the manuscript(s) submitted. The contest has two age categories. Contestants 14 years or younger should check where indicated on the entry form.

Submitted manuscripts must be of original poetry, in English, by one poet. There are no limitations on the kind of poetry or subject matter. Translations are not eligible. Contestants should send only one copy of each manuscript. Manuscripts must be between one and two pages, typed single or double-spaced with no more than one poem per page. Illustrations are not accepted.

Two title pages and two copies of the manuscript must be submitted. One title page should include the author's name and address; the other should bear the manuscript title only. The author's name must not appear on any other page. If manuscript is more than a single page, it should be fastened with a single staple or binder clip; report covers should not be used.

A completed entry form must accompany each manuscript. Contestants who submit more than one manuscript must include an entry form with each submission. No more than two manuscripts by one poet may be submitted. Late manuscripts will not be accepted. Contestants are advised to retain copies of their work, as manuscripts will not be returned. All Arts Matter (AAM) assumes no responsibility for manuscript loss.

Contestants who wish an acknowledgment of receipt of their manuscript should enclose a self addressed, stamped postcard. In addition, a self-addressed stamped business size envelope must be enclosed in order to receive notification of contest results.

The judge's decision is expected by April 13, 2008. Each category will have three winners. In the 14 and younger category, the cash awards will be \$25, \$15, and \$10 respectively. In the adult category, the cash awards will be \$100, \$75, and \$25 respectively.

A public reading of the winning poems and others selected by AAM in consultation with the judges shall be given at a date and venue to be determined in April, National Poetry Month. It is hoped that the winning poet(s) will be present to read their work; if not, AAM will provide an alternate reader.

AAM cannot consider revisions during the course of the contest.

All correspondence concerning the contest should be addressed to AAM. Any correspondence addressed to any of the judges will be forwarded to AAM. The decisions of AAM as to eligibility are final. AAM reserves the right to withhold the Rip Van Winkle Award in any given year.

Title of Poem

Author's Legal Name

Address

City State Zip

Telephone

E-mail

Author's Signature

I am 14 years or younger _____

Submission Checklist

- Manuscript: two copies with two title pages
- Entry form completed and signed
- Postmark entry on or before March 31, 2008.

Optional

- Self-addressed, stamped postcard if you wish AAM to acknowledge receipt of your entry.
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to receive notification of contest results.

MAIL ENTRY BETWEEN JANUARY 1 AND MARCH 31, 2008

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Rip Van Winkle Poetry Competition

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The **Rip Van Winkle Poetry Award** was established to encourage emerging poets, to give credence to their efforts and foster their growth as poets.

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