

# Leon County Reading Council

## Middle School Poetry Contest

### Guidelines



#### **\*\*Important Dates to Remember\*\***

- Poetry submissions and permission forms should be received by **Friday, April 20, 2012.**
  - Poetry Competition—**Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.** at the Florida State University School (Florida High). Signs will be posted on campus to guide people to the appropriate lecture hall.
1. Teachers may serve as the sole judges for their school/classroom competitions to determine which students will participate. Please authenticate original poems. The evaluation criteria that will be used for the contest is listed below.
  2. The number of poems to be submitted by each school will be determined based on interest.
  3. Maximum poem time is 3 minutes.
  4. After all poems are performed, a panel of judges will choose 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for “Original Poem Performance” and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for “Best Recitation of a Published Poem.” All winning students will receive prizes.
  5. Props are allowed, but not using props will not hurt scores.
  6. Students may perform in pairs. A pair would count as **ONE** entry.
  7. Send typed copies of teacher-selected entries **AND** student permission forms to Bonnie Clawson at Florida State University School. Entries should be received no later than **Friday, April 20, 2012.** Entries and permission forms should be *mailed* to 3000 School House Road, Tallahassee, FL 32311, *faxed* to (850) 245-3838, or dropped off to the front office of Florida State University School. You may also *scan the original, SIGNED documents and e-mail* them to [bclawson@fsu.edu](mailto:bclawson@fsu.edu). Please e-mail any questions to Bonnie Clawson at [bclawson@fsu.edu](mailto:bclawson@fsu.edu). **PLEASE NOTE that poems and signed permission forms must be received at the same time, so if poems are e-mailed, please scan signed permission forms and e-mail them as well.**

#### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>“Original Poem” Point Maximum (100)</b>	<b>“Previously Published Poem” Point Maximum (100)</b>
<b>Content</b> (Clarity of message; organization; quality of writing)	20	N/A
<b>Use of Poetic Devices</b> (alliteration, metaphors, similes, etc...)	10	N/A
<b>Smooth, Relaxed, (Mostly) Memorized Delivery</b>	20	35
<b>Creativity of Presentation</b>	20	35
<b>Adequate and Appropriate Volume</b>	10	10
<b>Pronunciation/Enunciation</b>	10	10
<b>Eye Contact</b>	10	10