

Entry Form

Living River of Words Youth Poetry and Art Contest

All entries must be postmarked or delivered in person by February 1, 2022.

Mail to: Living River of Words, 3500 West River Road, Tucson, AZ 85741

Or visit our website to find drop-off locations: www.pima.gov/RiverOfWords

LROW is a regional coordinator providing local support for River of Words®

STUDENT INFORMATION – PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS

Name (print clearly) _____

Preferred Pronoun: she/her: ____ he/him: ____ Other preferred pronoun: _____ Age: ____ Grade: ____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Home phone: _____

Art ____ Poetry ____ Photography ____ Title: _____

Pledge of Originality: I promise that the poem or art I am submitting to the *Living River of Words* Contest is my own original work.

*Student's Signature: _____

I hereby grant and assign to *Living River of Words* the non-exclusive right and permission, in respect of the original writing, artwork, or photos that my child has submitted to *Living River of Words*, to use, re-use, publish, and re-publish, and otherwise reproduce, and display the same, individually or in conjunction with other original artwork, writing, photos, and video, in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world, for illustration, promotion, art, advertising, and trade, or any other purpose whatsoever; and to use my child's name to identify the author of the work in connection with my participation in the *Living River of Words* Program. I hereby release and discharge *Living River of Words* from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the original artwork, writing, photos, and video, including without limitations any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. In any of the winning categories, *Living River of Words* maintains the exclusive right to declare no winner and withhold prizes if no poem or artwork of merit is found. *Living River of Words* assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged poetry or artwork. *Living River of Words* may sell, assign, license, or otherwise transfer all rights granted to it hereunder. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns. As the parent or guardian of the above-named minor, I hereby consent to and join in the foregoing release and consent on behalf of said minor.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name (print clearly) _____

Parent/Guardian's email address: _____ Phone number: _____

*Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

SCHOOL OR GROUP INFORMATION – If entering as part of a class, club, or other group, please complete:

School or group name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Teacher or Leader: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

**LIVING RIVER OF WORDS
YOUTH POETRY AND ART CONTEST
RULES AND GUIDELINES**

- ❖ A complete and legible entry form – including a parent or guardian’s signature – must accompany each entry. The entry form and the artwork or poem should be attached back-to-back. Paperclips or tape work well; staples may damage your original artwork.
- ❖ Print the entrant’s **name, age and grade**, as well as **school/group** and **teacher/leader** (if applicable), on the backside of the poem or art. Please print carefully. We must be able to read the handwriting or the entry may be disqualified.
- ❖ Entrants are encouraged to reflect on **watersheds, life cycles, wetland wildlife and habitats**, and the importance of **local water resources** in their original creations of poetry and art.
- ❖ The contest is open to youth, ages 5 to 19.
- ❖ Contest entries must be postmarked or delivered in person by February 1, 2022.
- ❖ Youth may submit as many entries as they like, but a separate entry form must be completed for each submission.
- ❖ Entrants may submit entries individually or through their school, scout troop, club, community center, youth group, or other organization.
- ❖ Poetry must be either typed or legibly written.
- ❖ Entries may not exceed 11 x 17 inches. Photo entries must be at least 8 x 10 inches.
- ❖ Acceptable media are: paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk or pastel (fixed), photography, collage, and computer art. Art entries must be on paper that will allow for duplication, display or framing. Please, no notebook or typing paper, and do not mat, mount, laminate, frame, or fold artwork.
- ❖ Collaborative poems and artwork are accepted, but only a single prize or certificate of appreciation will be presented.
- ❖ Entries are judged by age category:
Category 1: grades K–1; Category 2: grades 2–3; Category 3: grades 4–6; Category 4: grades 7–12.
- ❖ Finalists and grand prize winners will be notified by mail in April 2022 and will receive certificates of award.
- ❖ The poetry and artwork of finalists and grand prize winners will be included in an exhibit and published in a booklet that will be distributed online and in the community. Each finalist and grand prize winner will receive a copy of the booklet that includes their work.
- ❖ Finalists’ work will also be submitted to the international River of Words contest.

LROW is a regional coordinator providing local support to the international River of Words® Program.

**For more information, contact:
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