

# Contest Guidelines:

1. Anyone living within ten miles of Siloam Springs is eligible to enter. One entry is allowed without charge. Up to two additional entries may be submitted with a contribution of \$5.00 each. Anyone is eligible for only one prize.
2. Contest entries are to be the original work of the submitter, having been neither published nor awarded as a winner in an SSWG annual contest nor in any state, or larger, regional poetry contest.
3. The Author's name should not appear on any of the poem's pages.
4. Each entry must have a "cover page" including the Author's name, email address, and physical home address; the title of the entry; the first two lines of the poem; and "Roy Chesney Poetry Contest 2025." (Include birth date for youth entries)
5. The title of each entry should appear at the top of its first page at its left margin and two inches from the top of its cover page.
6. The poem should be left-aligned, typed in Times New Roman 12 point font, for 8 ½" x 11" page. All four margins will be one inch.
7. Entries are to be free of obscene language and conform with the SSWG motto: "Whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, or any praise, we will write about these things."
8. Each entry will be submitted as a (.doc, .docx, or .rtf format) document attachment to an email sent to <[sswgcontest@gmail.com](mailto:sswgcontest@gmail.com)> with "RC Poetry Contest, 2025" in the "subject" field.
9. Payments for multiple entries must be mailed to Gail Davis, 2151B Kristy Lane, Siloam Springs, AR 72761 by August 31. Checks should be made out to "SSWG."
10. Submissions will be made by email from August 1 through August 31.
11. Awards will be announced at an award ceremony October 13, 5:30 P.M. at First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, Arkansas – access via west entry.
12. By submitting an entry, you are promising the entry is your own work. Efforts will be made to screen for plagiarism and AI works. For parents of youth entrants, please make sure your child is doing the work themselves. Thank you.

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