



FOURTH ANNUAL STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

Theme: "Be the Inspiration"

Students from *Cupertino, Fremont, Homestead, Lynbrook, and Monta Vista* High Schools (grades 9- 12) as well as Middle Schools *Cupertino, Hyde, Kennedy, Lawson, McAuliffe* and *Miller* (grades 6 – 8) are invited to submit poems for the fourth annual poetry contest hosted by the Rotary Club of Cupertino.

**Cash prizes are \$100-\$75-\$50
to the top three awardees for each category: middle school and high school**

TOPIC:

Students may submit poems that address the Rotary International theme "*Be the Inspiration*". Inspire change in the world and in each other. Shows what is possible, inspire others to reach for it, and give them a path to act.

The focus could be very broad or as narrow as you would like. The strongest poems will address the poet's experiences and attitudes in detail and evocative language, using all the senses. Write the poem that comes from your truest heart and your unique identity. Write the poem that no other person could write!

Reading time should be under 2 minutes.

Poets Laureates *Dave Denny, Ann Muto* and *Kaecey McCormick* are the judges.

TIMELINE:

April 22, 2019 - Submission Deadline

Email submissions to the Student Poetry Contest Chair, Jeff Moe jeffmoe111@gmail.com

Format: Word/PDF must include name, age, grade, school, email and phone

May 20, 2019

Judges declare 3 winning poems from high school students and 3 from middle school students

May 24, 2019 - Student poets will be contacted.

June 12, 2019 - Awards Ceremony

Quinlan Center, Cupertino 12:00 – 1:30 pm

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