



Call for SPARK! Youth Poetry Competition for Clark County Students in Grades 9 - 12

SPARK! Youth Poetry Competition Poetry Deadline
October 1, 2022

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August 25, 2022—LAS VEGAS, NV—As part of the 2022 [Las Vegas Book Festival](#), Nevada Humanities and the Nevada Arts Council invite high school students in grades 9-12 residing in Clark County, Nevada, to write and present original poems as part of the annual [SPARK! Youth Poetry Competition](#). The competition will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022, in the Poetry Pavilion at the *Las Vegas Book Festival*. Students will be asked to present three original poems that will be judged by a panel made up of poets, authors, educators, and other community members. The top three highest scoring students will determine, first, second, and third place. Awards will include: first place: \$300 cash award; second place: \$200 cash award; and third place: \$100 cash award.

The deadline for registering to participate and submitting poems for this competition is **Saturday, October 1, 2022**. Information about this competition and the online registration portal is at nevadahumanities.org/spark. The SPARK! Youth Poetry Competition will take place at the *Las Vegas Book Festival*, Poetry Pavilion, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm PDT, with the awards ceremony immediately following the competition. For questions contact: Bobbie Ann Howell, Program Manager for Nevada Humanities, at bahowell@nevadahumanities.org or 702-800-4670.

The 21st annual *Las Vegas Book Festival* will take place Saturday, October 22, 2022, at the Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth Street, Las Vegas. The *Las Vegas Book Festival* is a celebration of the written, spoken, and illustrated word that features authors participating in a full schedule of panel discussions, book signings, readings, workshops, poetry, children's literature, exhibitions, and special events. It is free and open to the public and is produced by the city of Las Vegas and Nevada Humanities. SPARK! Youth Poetry Competition is a joint program of Nevada Humanities and the Nevada Arts Council.

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