



**Call for SPARK! Youth Poetry Competition for
Clark County Students in Grades 9 - 12**
SPARK! Youth Poetry Competition Registration Deadline
October 1, 2023

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The Spark! Youth Poetry Competition takes place at the Las Vegas Book Festival in October, and Clark County high school students are invited to present three original poems for competitive judging.

August 8, 2023—LAS VEGAS, NV—As part of the 2023 [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 21, 2023, 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. Cash awards for winning poems will include: first place: \$30; second place: \$200; and third place: \$100.

The deadline for registering to participate in this competition is **Sunday, October 1, 2023**. 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 22nd annual *Las Vegas Book Festival* will take place Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the Historic Fifth Street School at 401 S. Fourth Street in 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.

About Nevada Humanities: Nevada Humanities is one of 56 independent, nonprofit state and territorial humanities councils affiliated with the National Endowment for the

Humanities. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada Humanities creates public programs and supports public projects statewide that define the Nevada experience and facilitate the exploration of issues that matter to the people of Nevada and their communities. For more information about Nevada Humanities visit nevadahumanities.org.

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