

EXPRESSIVE EDUCATION

Project Description

*Over the past 27 years, we have invited teachers from across the nation to submit their students' poetry for consideration in the Young American Poetry Digest. Our mission is to work with teachers to discover ways to motivate students to write for pleasure and to help them see writing as a joy - a struggle worth pursuing. This project provides an opportunity for kids of all writing abilities to express themselves and share their hard work on a national platform. Each participating school will receive a **complimentary copy** of the digest for the school library. The top ten schools with the most submissions will also be granted a **\$100 award!***

Poems submitted are reviewed by a panel of teachers who select the best poems based on the **overall quality** of the poem in light of the student's age and grade level and determined by the following criteria:

Creativity Age-appropriate language STRUCTURE
Sensory/figurative images Poetic techniques

Each child's poem is reviewed, and no decision is made on selecting the poem based on the number of children in a school or given classroom. We do not eliminate a poem because many children's poems in a class are chosen for publication. Some classrooms may experience a 100% acceptance rate while others may experience a 0% acceptance rate. Our national acceptance average is typically around 65%. Please let us know of any special circumstances concerning your students and their submissions.

Please include the following submission information for each student:

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____
Student Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Teacher/Librarian Name: _____
School Name: _____
Teacher/Librarian Email: _____
of Poems: _____ # Words per Poem: _____

Student Security and Privacy Issues: Student security and privacy are our greatest concerns and have been successfully addressed over the twenty-seven years of the project. Student information is not disclosed to any outside party nor is the student's name published with any information that may connect him/her to a specific school, address or locality. Individual student information is destroyed upon publication of the book.