**CONTEST RULES**(Read carefully. Any violation will disqualify entry)

1. Any poem submitted must:

1. Be the original work of the contestant, unpublished in any form, including electronically and placed on exhibition, not under consideration or accepted for publication. (Award will be recalled if a winning poem is found to be in violation of rules before publication in the NFSPS anthology of prize poems, and lower prizes and honorable mentions will move up in classification);
2. be written in English, be titled, unless a haiku;
3. have a 40 line limit for all contests not stating the line limit;
4. be typed or computer generated (not handwritten or hand printed) without illustrations.

2. Poets give NFSPS exclusive first printing rights to all poems entered in the NFSPS Annual Contests. Poems winning a cash prize of $15 or more will be printed in the NFSPS prize poems anthology, *Encore,* at the discretion of the Editor. (The Editor reserves the right to alter line breaks in poems having more than 50 characters per line, including spaces.) Printing rights revert to the poet after the anthology is published (June 15, 2016). Printing rights to poems winning less than $15 (or no prize) revert to the poet after the list of winners is published in the NFSPS newsletter, *Strophes* (See Rule 10). No poems will be returned, so poets should retain copies.

3. An eligible poem may not be withdrawn after submission.

4. Except as indicated in Contest 1–NFSPS Founders Award, contestants may submit only one entry in any contest, and may not submit the same poem in any other contest.

5. Check or money order enclosed must be made payable to

NFSPS, Inc. (initials sufficient) rather than to any individual.

1. Non-members may enter most contests at $1 each (except $5 for each entry in Contest 1–NFSPS Founders Award). Non-members may not enter contests marked with an asterisk," \* " and which are designated members only.
2. Members may enter up to 10 contests for $1 per poem or $10 total for entry in more than 10 contests (except for Contest 1-NFSPS Founders Award, which is $5 per poem).
3. Entrants from outside the U.S. must send checks drawn on U.S. banks or branches, payable in U.S. funds, or send U.S. currency.

6. First Prize winner in Contest 1–NFSPS Founders Award is not eligible to enter that contest the following year. (NFSPS Founders Award only.)

7. Judges will be selected by NFSPS, Inc. No ties will be awarded, and the decisions of the judges will be final.

8. When to submit poems:

1. Contest **starting date:** entries must not be postmarked before **January 1, 2015;**
2. Contest **deadline:** entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2015.**

9. "Members Only" eligible if a paid-up member of a state society, listed in alphabetical membership roll mailed by a state society along with NFSPS dues to:

**Lucille Morgan Wilson, NFSPS Treasurer**

**2325 61st Street, Des Moines, IA 50322**

by January 15, 2015 and updated as required by the Contest deadline. (E-mail: lucille\_e\_wilson@hotmail.com)

10. A list of winners will appear in 3rd quarter *Strophes* (August). All prize winners will be notified, and others may obtain a list of winners in August by sending $1 and a #10 SASE to:

**Paul Ford, *Strophes* Editor,
10239 Hickory Point Dr., Sandy, UT 84092**

11. How to submit poems:

1. Send **two** clear copies of the poem, typed, photocopied, or computer-generated, on 8.5" x 11" white paper (no onionskin or tissue), in black ink, **single-spaced.** If poem requires more than one page, staple together all pages of each copy.
2. On **both** copies, place number and name of contest in upper **left** comer.
3. On **second copy only,** put name, address, phone number, and E-mail address of poet, state society membership or "NON-MEMBER NFSPS" in upper **right** corner. If a poem requires more than one page, number pages also on upper right corner (both copies).
4. Separate originals from duplicates and stack in numerical order (1-50) with originals on top. Count them.
5. Prepare a 3" x 5" lined file card (leave first line blank) and list poet's name, address, phone number, E-mail address (if available), state/society membership (or "NON-MEMBER"). List on the card the number, but not the title of each contest you are entering. List the total number of poems sent (from your count). Do NOT staple the card to entries or to entry fee.
6. Mail all entries at one time, unfolded, in a large envelope, including the file card and entry fee. Mail to the Contest Chair by First Class, Priority Mail or any form of delivery that does NOT require a signature upon receipt.

**Mail Entries to:**

**Mikki Pennington**

**NFSPS Contest Chairman**

**P.O. Box 7842**

**Moore, OK 73153**

The NFSPS, Inc. will **not** assume mailing costs and will not be responsible for any entries lost or delayed in the mail.

The anthology *(Encore)* reflecting contests in this brochure will be available at the 2016 NFSPS Convention.

To order past anthologies of prize poems, *(Encore)* ***you*** *may use* this as an order form. No books may be returned Send any questions to *Encore* Editor at vbailey@satx.rr.com.

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**FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:**E-mail or send a #10 SASE to the Chairman in charge:

* **Rules, 2015 Annual Contests**

Mikki Pennington, NFSPS Contest Chair P.O. Box 7842, Moore, OK 73153

E-mail: contestchair@nfsps.com

* **Brochures, 2015 Annual Contests** Paul Ford, *Strophes* Editor

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* **Contest Sponsors/Brochures**

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* **Membership**

Steve Concert, NFSPS Membership Chair 49 Kitchen Ave., Harvey's Lake, PA 18618 E-mail: paperiesspoetsonline@hotmail.com

* **Stevens Manuscript Competition**

Amy Jo Zook, Stevens Manuscript Chair

3520 State Road 56, Mechanicsburg, OH 43044 - No E-mail

* **2015 College/University Competition** Eleanor Berry, Chair

22614 N. Santiam Highway, Lyons, OR 97358 E-mail: ebeny@wvi.00m