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• Submit entries to:

Lynn Hansen, *youth contest chairperson*
California Federation of Chaparral Poets, Inc.
916 Melinda Lane, Modesto, CA 95354

2013 Annual Poetry Contest Junior–Senior High School

NO ENTRY FEE

1st prize: \$60⁰⁰ 2nd prize: \$40⁰⁰ 3rd prize: \$25⁰⁰

Postmarked Deadline:
January 31, 2013

Entries postmarked after January 31
will not be judged !!!

RE-CHECK YOUR ENTRIES FOR ACCURACY
NO PAPER CLIPS OR STAPLES, PLEASE

Poems can be any subject, any style in categories 1 – 3. Maximum length (not counting titles) for all poems 20 lines.

C A T E G O R I E S

GRADES 10, 11 AND 12

1. Senior Poem: Any Subject, Any Style

GRADES 7, 8 AND 9

2. Junior Poem: Any Subject, Any Style

GRADES 7 THROUGH 12

3. Light or Humorous Poem

4. Special Theme: *Elements*

5. Aileen Jaffa Memorial Award: *Youth's View of Humanity*

6. Roscoe Fortson Memorial Award: *I Remember*

R U L E S

1. Postmarked by midnight January 31, 2013.
2. Author must be a California resident.
3. Poems may **NOT HAVE WON A PRIZE** in another contest nor be submitted to an editor or other contest while being considered for CFCP, Inc. awards. If previously published, include on your identification copy the name of publication and date.
4. Enter **ONLY ONE POEM IN EACH CATEGORY** for which you are eligible.
5. Submit **TWO COPIES** of each poem.
6. **IDENTIFY THE FIRST COPY** of each poem in the following manner:
 - a. On the bottom, write and sign a statement that you are the sole author of that poem.
 - b. In the upper corner:
Category Number and Name
Grade in School
Author's Name
Author's Address, City and ZIP Code
 - c. In the upper corner:
Teacher's First and Last Name
Teacher's e-mail address
School Name
School Address, City and ZIP Code
School Phone Number and Area Code
7. **The SECOND COPY of each poem must have NO personal identification at all (Judge's copy).**

- Teachers of winning students will receive Certificates of Recognition.
- Winning poems will be published in a copyrighted booklet which will be offered for sale. However, poems remain the property of the author, to whom all rights revert.
- Teachers submitting poems for students are asked to select as many entries as qualify. Topics should be chosen by authors.
- Criteria for judging include: meaningful content, natural language, vivid imagery, precision in word choice, effective sound patterns, legibility, correct grammar and spelling. **PROOFREAD CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING.**
- Winning poets who attend the convention will receive a free booklet.

KEEP ORIGINALS OF YOUR WORK! Entries will not be returned. For a list of prize winners, send a SASE.

Winners will be notified by April 1, 2013. Non-conforming entries will not be judged. Language and themes **MUST** be in good taste. Decisions of the judges are final.

The Awards Ceremony will be held in April, 2013. Exact time and location TBA. The public is invited to attend.