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• Submit entries to:

Lynn M. Hansen, *youth contest chair*
California Federation of Chaparral Poets, Inc.
916 Melinda Lane, Modesto, CA 95350

2012 Annual Poetry Contest Junior – Senior High School

NO ENTRY FEE

1st prize: \$50⁰⁰ 2nd prize: \$35⁰⁰ 3rd prize: \$20⁰⁰

Postmarked Deadline:

February 28, 2012

Entries postmarked after February 28
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: *Day and Night*

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 February 28, 2012.
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. Submit **TWO COPIES** of each poem.
5. Enter **ONLY ONE POEM IN EACH CATEGORY** for which you are eligible.
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 **LEFT-HAND** corner:
Category Number and Name
Grade in School
Author's Name
Author's Address, City and ZIP Code
 - c. In the upper **RIGHT-HAND** 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. • Honorable Mention winners will receive Book awards.
- 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 no more than 6 entries per class. 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.**
- Please visit <<http://www.ChaparralPoets.org/contests.html>> for information, ideas, examples, and answers to your questions.

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, 2012. 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 Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Radisson Hotel 2200 E. Holt Boulevard. Ontario, CA 91761. Exact time and location TBA. The public is invited to attend.

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