

## Mississippi Poetry Society

Call for sponsors and judges!



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Dear Mississippi Poetry Society Members and Friends,

The time has come to put the wheels in motion for the Spring Poetry Contest 2023! Step one is to solicit category sponsorships. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this process, the contest is organized into categories, each with its own theme and form requirements. Cash prizes are awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place poem in each category. Also, one overall “Best of Fest” poem is chosen from among the first-place winners. You can get a feel for how things work by visiting our website (newly redesigned!) and viewing the 2022 rules sheet under the “Contest” tab. Each category needs a sponsor: someone who will provide the funds for the cash prizes. Typically, the sponsor also specifies the theme and form requirements as well. We have a number of members who sponsor a category every year. If you would like to sponsor a category for the 2023 contest, please complete the attached form in its entirety (all three sections) and mail/email it to me, along with a check to cover the cash prizes, at the address below. If you have any questions about sponsoring a category, don’t hesitate to contact me. I’ll do my best to answer them! There are a couple of things in particular I want to mention.

- In addition to a call for sponsors, this letter is also a call for judges. Most sponsors judge their own categories. However, some sponsors ask that MPS select a judge for them, and we’d like to oblige! For that, we need a pool of people who are willing to judge. **If you would be willing to judge a category, please send me an email and I’ll put you on the list.** We have to have judges, so please consider doing that! I can attest that it is a rewarding experience.
- Finally, you will notice on the sponsorship form that I ask you to specify whether the judge will be willing to have the entries sent to them via email, or whether they prefer delivery via the postal service. Please be sure to make that specification. Email delivery has the advantage of being quick, and free from the uncertainties of dealing with the post office. That being said, if you would prefer delivery via USPS, that perfectly fine!

Make sponsorship checks payable to Mississippi Poetry Society, Inc. and mail to the address below.

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**“Received by” deadline for sponsorship forms is October 15, 2022.**

***Thank You for being a category sponsor and/or judge!***

***The contest wouldn’t happen without you!***

# Mississippi Poetry Society, Inc. 2023 Spring Contest Sponsorship Form

## Section 1: Sponsor Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2: Category Information

**Category Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Form/Type of Poem:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Line Limit/other formatting restrictions:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prize Amounts:** 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

honorable mentions (optional): specific number or "as merited " \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3: Judge Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please specify** whether the judge will be willing to accept submissions via email, or whether they prefer that submissions be mailed via USPS.

If you would like MPS to select a judge for your category, note that here.

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**Thank You!**