

# Student Days

at Scarborough Renaissance Festival®

## 2020 Poetry Contest

### *Rules and Registration*

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#### Goals:

- ❖ Promote development of writing skills.
- ❖ Inspire students to engage in learning about Renaissance era events, history, and public figures.

#### Poetry Themes & Guidelines:

- ❖ All poems should be written based on the following guideline:
  - “Renaissance Era and themes - included but not limited to knights, artisans, maidens, royalty, or historical figures”
- ❖ Entries should consist of one poem of no more than 20 lines. Poems which exceed the line limits will not be accepted into the competition.
- ❖ Poetry contest entries may be either typed or hand written. If typed, they should be written double-spaced in Times New Roman font and a 12-14 point font size. If hand written, they must be written legibly and in print.

#### Registration Information:

- ❖ Students may enter an **original work** based on the theme guideline below. Winners will be awarded based upon the following grade categories:
  - Elementary School (grades K-5)
  - Middle School (grades 6-8)
  - High School (grades 9-12)
- ❖ A physical copy of the poem must be mailed to the Scarborough Renaissance Festival® Student Days Staff by the deadline of **April 1, 2020**. Any entries received with a post mark after this date will not be entered into the contest. Limit one entry per student.
- ❖ Students entering in the Poetry Contest must be present at Student Days on **April 28, 2020** to win.
- ❖ The student’s school must be registered and paid to attend Student Days at Scarborough Renaissance Festival® no later than **April 1, 2020**.

## Judging & Awards:

- ❖ Poems will be judged before Student Days on **April 28, 2020**, but winners will be announced and awards distributed at the Royal Awards Ceremony on Student Days.
- ❖ Judges will consist of approved educators, performers, and staff members by Scarborough Renaissance Festival®. All judges' decisions are final.
- ❖ Students participating in this contest must check in at the Wedding Garden inside the Front Gate upon arrival at Student Days on **April 28, 2020** by 11:00am. This is necessary for the student to receive recognition at the Royal Awards Ceremony. Participating students must be present to win.
- ❖ Awards will be given to the first, second and third place finalists in each category. Awards will be presented to the winners at the Royal Awards Ceremony held during the Student Days schedule of events at 1:00pm on the Crown Stage.

## Disclaimer:

- ❖ All submissions become the property of Scarborough Renaissance Festival® and may be considered for publication in a forthcoming anthology and may appear on the website [www.srfestival.com](http://www.srfestival.com). The Scarborough Renaissance Festival® will acquire all copyrights to submitted materials.
- ❖ Commercial photography and filming activities are conducted at Scarborough Renaissance Festival®. You may appear in the resulting pictures or films that may be used in connection with advertising, news reporting, entertainment or other activities. Entry into the park and/or purchase of an admission ticket constitutes your consent for Scarborough Renaissance Festival® to use the pictures and films.

## All Entries Should Be Mailed To:

Scarborough Renaissance Festival®  
P.O. Box 538  
Waxahachie, TX 75168  
Attn: Student Days Poetry Contest



## Poetry Contest Registration Form

*(Please Print)*

**Form declaring intent to compete, along with your entry, must be received by April 1, 2020.**

***No late entries will be accepted. No exceptions!***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (mark one):

\_\_\_\_ Elementary School (grade K-5)

\_\_\_\_ Middle School (grade 6-8)

\_\_\_\_ High School (grade 9-12)

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Poetry Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Poem: \_\_\_\_\_