

Chester Cathedral Young Poet's Competition

Conditions of Entry

1. The competition is open to anyone aged in the 16-18 category or 19-25. Age category will be defined by the entrant's age as of 31st March 2020.
2. Poems must be written on the theme of *Journey*.
3. All entries will be considered anonymously by the Judge and the entrant's name must not appear on the submitted poem.
4. All poems must have a title and must not exceed 40 lines in length (excluding title)
5. Entries will not be returned, so please keep a copy. For administrative reasons, entries cannot be acknowledged.
6. The Judge will read all the entries. The Judge's decision is final and individual feedback will not be provided.
7. Poems must be original, the entrant's own work, and must not have been published, self-published, published on a website, Facebook or Twitter or other online media, or broadcast (except in an individual school magazine), nor entered in other competitions.
8. Entries must be presented in black, 12pt, Times New Roman.
9. Poems must be submitted online to Julia McGuinness at poetinresidence@chestercathedral.com or poetinresidence@icloud.com
10. Send your poems as an attachment, *not* in the body of the e-mail. Send a cover sheet as a separate attachment. The cover sheet must include your name, contact details (address, phone and e-mail); your entry category and date of birth; the title of the poem(s) you are entering. Attachments must be in one of the following formats: Word (.doc or .docx), Pages or PDF.
11. We cannot accept postal entries in any circumstances.
12. Entrants must be resident in the United Kingdom and be written in English. The competition excludes present Chester Cathedral employees and their immediate family.
13. Poems may not be amended or edited after submission.
14. Prizewinners will be notified in early May 2020. Winning poets will be expected to be available for publicity around the awards and where possible to attend the prize-giving ceremony on 20th May.
15. Copyright of each poem remains with the author. However, authors of the winning poems, by entering the competition, grant Chester Cathedral the right in perpetuity to publish and/or broadcast their poem. Use of the poems elsewhere for one year from April 2020 is subject to permission from Chester Cathedral.
16. The winning poems, alongside commended poems from each category, will be chosen for display in Chester Cathedral from May until end of September.
17. The winning poems may also be included in an anthology of *Journeys* poems, to be produced later in the year.
18. Please read the rules carefully. Entries which do not meet the competition's criteria will be disqualified. The organiser reserves the right to update the rules at any time.