

Methodist College

Center for Student Success and the College Library

Summer Poetry Contest- Let Lit Rule!

Methodist Center for Student Success and the College Library staff will conduct the Contest substantially as described in these rules, and by participating, each participant agrees as follows:

1. Description of Contest/Participation.

A. Dates of Contest: The Contest will begin on or about July 1, 2020 and the submission portion of contest ends on or about 4pm, August 1, 2020.

B. How to Enter: Submit one (1) per person self-written poem through email to mnielsenott@methodistcol.edu or tfox@methodistcol.edu. Please include your email address, name, and phone number with your entry. Submissions must be received by 4pm, August 1, 2020. No submissions after this date will be accepted.

C. How to Win: All eligible poems will be posted on the Methodist College D2L site and displayed by other means at the College. All entries will be judged on or about Monday, August 5, 2020 (the "Judging Date") by a panel of judges comprised of Methodist College faculty, staff and a student representative. The judges will score entries based on the following criteria: creativity (33 1/3%), quality of language (33 1/3%) and originality of theme (33 1/3%). Three (3) entries will be declared potential finalists (in the event of a tie, the entry with the higher score in the creativity criteria will prevail). The poem getting the most votes by the judges will be declared the winner. The judges will also award a second and third place submissions. Winners to be announced on or about August 12, 2020. Winners will be notified by email of their selection.

2. Prize(s). The prize(s) that may be awarded to the eligible winner(s) are:

Grand Prize: \$100 MBS Bookstore gift certificate

Second Prize: \$75 MBS Bookstore gift certificate

Third Prize: \$50 MBS Bookstore gift certificate

If a winner cannot be contacted, fails to respond to notification, or is disqualified for any reason, Methodist College reserves the right to determine an alternate winner or not to award that winner's prize, at its sole discretion.

3. Eligibility and Limitations. Participants and winner(s) must be Methodist College students.

6. Publicity; Use of Personal Information. By participating, where allowed by law, all participants and winner(s) grant Methodist College exclusive permission to use their names, characters, writing, voices, and likenesses in connection with promotion of this and other contests and waive any claims to royalty, right, or remuneration for such use.

8. Release. In order to receive a prize, participants must agree with official waiver form provided by Methodist College.

Questions? Call the Library at 309-671-2940 or the CSS at 309-672-5957