



## Georgia Poet Laureate's Prize Guidelines

Georgia Poet Laureate Chelsea Rathburn, in collaboration with Georgia Council for the Arts, is pleased to announce the seventh annual Poet Laureate's Prize, awarded for an original poem written by a Georgia high school student. A winner and four finalists will be selected by the Poet Laureate and announced in the spring of 2020. The winning poet and finalists will have the opportunity to meet Governor Kemp and the Poet Laureate when they are honored at the Georgia State Capitol in the spring. The winner and finalists will also tour the historic Margaret Mitchell House in Atlanta. The winning and finalist poems will be published by *Atlanta Magazine* at [atlantamagazine.com](http://atlantamagazine.com).

### Eligibility

The Poet Laureate's Prize contest is open to all Georgia high school students, grades 9 through 12, currently enrolled in a Georgia public school, accredited private school, or home school. All participants must be a resident of the state of Georgia. Minors must have his/her parent's or legal guardian's permission to enter (see entry form for details).

### Entry Guidelines

- Only one poem per student will be accepted.
- Only original work will be considered and cannot contain previously published and/or copyrighted material in any part by any 3rd party.
- The poem may not be offensive or inappropriate.
- The poem may not be longer than 30 lines.
- Poems must be printed in an easy-to-read, non-italic, black font that is 12 points or larger.
- Entrants share with Georgia Council for the Arts the rights to print and publish submitted poems.
- Entries from minors must be accompanied by a parent's or legal guardian's signature giving permission for entry.
- To be eligible, entries must be submitted with a complete entry form, including signatures.
- Poems must be submitted electronically as either a Microsoft Word or PDF file to [PoetLaureate@gaarts.org](mailto:PoetLaureate@gaarts.org).

### Submission Deadline

February 28, 2020