



2018 Poetry Contest

The New York State 4-H Dog Program is providing another opportunity for dog lovers to demonstrate their creative talents! Young poets (age 5 – 19) will have an opportunity to have their original work displayed at the NYS Fair **August 22 – September 3, 2018**.

Entries must be postmarked by July 15, 2018.

Who may enter?

Youth currently affiliated with any CCE 4-H Youth Development Program in New York State.

Eligibility:

Contestants must give permission for their creative writing to be displayed and used for publicity.

What types of poetry may be submitted? Please limit your entries to limericks or haikus.

Limerick: a rhymed poem of 5 lines.

Haiku: Japanese poetry of 17 syllables divided into 3 lines of 5, 7 and 5 syllables.

Limerick example (dog agility):

My dog doesn't run in the rain,
She thinks getting wet is a pain,
She hides in the chute,
I think she's a hoot,
But she thinks that I am insane.
by Kathleen Truesdell

Haiku sample (dog agility):

Run and jump and turn!
Agility partners' dream.
Love poem in motion.
by Ilze in Wisconsin

Suggested Categories:

Dog Science / Dog Sports / Dog Jobs / Best Friend / 4-H Dog Activity / Dog Breeds Around the World

Judging Criteria:

Limericks & haikus will be evaluated on the following criteria, by a panel of 4-H educators, public educators and dog enthusiasts.

1. Adherence to the limerick or Haiku structure
2. Original thought and perspective
3. Clarity of expression

How Many Poems May I Enter: There is a limit of 3 entries per youth.

Winners: Winners will be announced & displayed in the Dog Science / Cynology Display at the **2018** NYS Fair – Youth building.

How do I enter?

- ✓ Completed entry forms may be handwritten or typed.
- ✓ All entries become the property of Cornell and will not be returned.
- ✓ Each entry must be accompanied by a signed (photo, video and audio consent) release form.

Suggested Curriculum Resource:

Building Bridges: Creative Wordworking, *Fun Ideas for Writers from Wisconsin*. Intended for youth who enjoy creative writing, these materials contain ideas to stimulate self expression including sections on keeping journals, writing poetry, and other enjoyable ways to have fun with words.

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hpublications/creative-wordworking/>

For more poetry writing lesson plan ideas, check out: <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plan/writing-writers-poetry>

NYS 4-H Dog Program

2018 Young Poets Writing Challenge Entry Form

Full Name of Youth: _____ Age: _____

Street Address / P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Club/County Affiliation with 4-H: _____

Telephone Number: _____ / _____

Email Address: _____

Check one: Limerick Haiku (1 entry form/youth, 3 entries per youth limit)

Title: _____

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Your submission (feel free to attach a separate sheet of paper):

Be sure to enclose a **signed (photo, video, audio consent) release form with your entry.**

Entries must be postmarked by July 15, 2018 and mailed to:

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