



CALL TO POETS

2025 YAKIMA COFFEEHOUSE POETRY CONTEST

Submission Guidelines

- 1. What is an entry?** One entry includes 3-5 poems, a \$12 entry fee (\$5 for students), and a separate cover sheet with your name, address, phone number, email address and a list of your poems' titles. Poems longer than one (1) page should include the title and page number on each page, but NOT your name. Please include a short bio (under 100 words).
 - 2. Where to submit?** Poems and cover letters should be emailed to ycpcontest2025@gmail.com. Snail mail entries (typed, please), and ALL entry fees should be snail-mailed to Yakima Coffeehouse Poets, c/o Ed Stover, 3506 W Chestnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902. Note: Emailed poems/cover letters are easier for us to process.
 - 3. What is the Tom Pier Prize?** For this prize, poets should demonstrate ability in the creation of at least three inter-related poems (theme, style, etc.).
 - 4. What is the deadline?** Entries must arrive or be postmarked no later than Monday, February 17, 2025.
 - 5. Who is eligible?** Poets residing in or hailing from Eastern Cascadia are eligible. That includes the north-central, central, and south-central regions of Washington State (including the Columbia Basin).
 - 6. Please do not submit handwritten poems. Please do not decorate your entry with artwork.**
 - 7. Winning poems will appear in "Thirtieth," the annual YCP contest chapbook, which is named for the number of years the contest has been held. That's right—2025 is our 30th anniversary!**
 - 8: Judging: the process is blind, which means judges see only the poems, not any personal information identifying the poet.**
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