



TRAVERSE AREA  
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# To All Language Arts/English Teachers

## Middle School through High School

# Poets' Night Out: Classroom Submissions

Greetings! We are inviting you and your students to submit original poetry to the 28th Annual Poets' Night Out contest and poetry reading event that takes place in April 2026.

→→→→→→ PNO Submission Rules and Details ←←←←←←

- Please fill out the registration form for all classroom submissions below. You may reproduce the form if needed. All classroom submissions should be submitted as a group. Please include a large self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Fee for classroom submissions is \$1.00 per student (one typed poem of 120 lines max) up to a maximum of \$30 total for all submissions by one teacher.
- Please make checks or money orders payable to Traverse Area District Library (TADL).
- Please submit three copies of each poem. Poems should be typewritten and **should not** have the poet's name on them. Illegible poems cannot be considered.
- ***Poetry must be postmarked or dropped off by January 25, 2026!***
- This is a juried contest that includes a special student prize.
- Acceptance and rejection letters will be returned in your self addressed stamped envelope.
- All selected poets will be invited to read their poem at the Poets' Night Out event, to be held on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at Kirkbride Hall, 700 Cottageview Dr, Suite 200, Traverse City 49684.

→→→ For more information check our website at [www.poetsnightout.org](http://www.poetsnightout.org) ←←←  
e-mail [pno@tadl.org](mailto:pno@tadl.org), or call 231-932-8502

If you are unable to use this information, please pass it along to another educator!

This event is sponsored by Traverse Area District Library, Friends of the Traverse Area District Library, Horizon Books, National Writers Series, and Michigan Writers.

## Poets' Night Out 2026 Classroom Submission Form

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Students may submit additional poems as an individual (\$5 student entry fee for up to three poems). Visit [www.poetsnightout.org](http://www.poetsnightout.org) for individual entry information.

Please submit **THREE** copies of each poem. ***Poetry will not be returned.***

### **Poetry Submissions**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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