



Women of Ohio: Poetry Competition Rules

To enter this competition, you must be an Ohio writer. You must currently live in Ohio, have been educated in Ohio, or have previously lived in Ohio for a minimum of five years.

Prizes:

- 1st Prize: \$200
- 2nd Prize: \$100
- 3rd Prize: \$50
- 4th Prize: \$50

Winners and runners up will have opportunities to take part in celebratory events as well as an exhibition of work. The exhibition may include online and in person opportunities, and runners up may also be offered to take part in it. We are also looking at the possibility of an eBook.

Judge: The judge is Zoë Brigley, a writer and editor originally from Wales in the UK, who has lived in Columbus, Ohio for 12 years. She has three award winning collections of poetry, most recently *Hand & Skull*. Zoë has curated several exhibitions and installations featuring art and poetry. At the Ohio State University Library, she curated collections of student work, such as 'Poetry Broadides and the Poetry Film', and 'Art and Texts on Anti-violence Advocacy'. She organized the exhibition 'The Little Cage of Ellis Bell' at the Urban Art Space Summer Series in Columbus Ohio with artist Victoria Brookland.





How to Enter:

The competition is free to enter. EDIT: The competition deadline has now been extended to Wednesday June 4th 2025.

- **Submission Methods:**

- Preferred: Email.
 - Please send your poem in an MS Word document along with an entry form to womenofohio@gmail.com. Please do not send files larger than 20 MB. If you have a file larger than that, please query before sending or use Google Drive or a file sharing website such WeTransfer.com.
- Also: post (only if other methods are inaccessible).
 - Please send your poem with a covering letter to Zoe Brigley Thompson, Denney Hall 510, 164 Annie and John Glenn Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210.
 - Please note that poems cannot be returned unless they are sent with a stamped, addressed envelope.

Important: Submit one poem per document. Use 12pt Arial font, single-spaced, and include the poem title.

Prizes will be awarded if we receive a sufficient number of entries. Should the minimum not be met, the organiser will carefully consider the best course of action.

By participating in the competition, writers of the winning and runner-up poems kindly grant us permission to feature their poems in an exhibition and eBook anthology.

Prizes cannot be exchanged for monetary value.





Competition Rules:

1. **Eligibility:** Open to those 16+.
2. **Entry Form:** Work must be entered along with an entry form.
3. **Submission:** Submit up to 5 poems. Poems must be original and unpublished, including on social media. No simultaneous submissions.
4. **Format:** Poems must be in English, typed, and no more than 49 lines long. MS Word documents, no larger than 10MB are preferred.
5. **Judging:** judged on quality, style, and impact.
6. **Results:** Winners will be notified by the end of June 2025. The judge's decision is final.

Entry Requirements:

- Submissions must be original work, created by you.
- Poems generated by AI (e.g., ChatGPT) will not be accepted, though AI tools for spelling/grammar are permissible.
- Your contact details will only be used to notify you about the competition.

