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First Annual

EMILY DICKINSON FIRST BOOK AWARD

The Poetry Foundation, publisher of *Poetry* magazine, is pleased to announce the First Annual Emily Dickinson First Book Award, designed to recognize an American poet over the age of 50 who has yet to publish a first book.

The Poetry Foundation seeks one book-length poetry manuscript to be published in the forthcoming Emily Dickinson Poetry Series. The competition is open to any American citizen fifty years of age or over who has not previously published a book-length volume of poetry. In addition to publication and promotion of the manuscript, the winner will receive a prize of \$10,000.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submissions for the 2005 competition must be postmarked no earlier than May 15, 2005, and no later than June 15, 2005.
- Contestants must be 50 years of age or over by June 15, 2005.
- All poems must be original.
- Translations are not accepted.
- The manuscript length must be a minimum of 48 pages and a maximum of 96 pages.
- All manuscripts must be paginated. Each new poem must start a new page.
- Submissions must be accompanied by a cover page showing the manuscript's title; the author's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address; and the manuscript page count.
- A brief biography citing any previous chapbook, anthology, or magazine publications should follow the cover page. Publishing credits should include title of poem, where published, and when.
- A second title page without biographical information, a table of contents, and a list of acknowledgments should precede the manuscript.
- Biographical information should only appear on the cover page and in the biography.
- Entries will be judged anonymously.
- Begin paginating the manuscript with the first poem.
- Manuscripts must be 1.5 spaced in 12-point type. Manuscripts must be typed, single-sided, on white, 8.5" x 11" paper. Handwritten manuscripts will not be accepted.
- Simultaneous submissions to other contests or publishers are permitted as long as the author agrees to notify The Poetry Foundation of the manuscript's acceptance elsewhere.
- Do not staple or bind the manuscript. Submit the loose sheets in a plain envelope of appropriate size.
- Writers who have had chapbooks of poetry printed in editions of more than 300 copies are ineligible.
- Only one manuscript per individual per year may be submitted.
- The same manuscript may not be entered in consecutive years, unless it was previously selected as a runner-up.
- Entries must be made by mail. Email submissions will not be considered.
- There is no entry fee.

Send manuscripts to The Poetry Foundation, attn. Emily Dickinson Award, 1030 North Clark Street, Suite 420, Chicago, IL 60610-5412.

If you wish receipt of your manuscript to be acknowledged, please include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. If you wish your manuscript to be returned, please include a self-addressed oversized envelope with appropriate postage. The winner and runners-up will be announced in October 2005.

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