

## **Robert W. King Poetry Award**

Sponsored by the Colorado Poets Center, the Robert W. King Awards for Poetry provide a \$100 first-place and a \$50 second place award to Colorado high school students for winning poems. The poet's name, school, teacher who sponsored the poem, and the winning poem are published on the Colorado Poets Center website (<https://coloradopoetscenter.org/>). The theme for the 2021 poetry awards is *Important Moments, Experiences or Events*. We are looking for poems that describe experiences that impacted one's life in some way. A poem can be about a happy moment tied to a family or community celebration, for example, or an experience that made you sad. The poem, "Examination," by Robert W. King, on the Colorado Poets Center website, describes the feelings the poet had while his father was having a medical test. Poems written by 2020 award-winning high school poets are also published on the CPC website.

All poetry submissions must be original work, sponsored by a high school teacher and submitted as a word document. The maximum length for each poem is two pages. Authors may submit up to three poems. Poems may have been published previously in high school publications.

### **Requirements**

- Author's name
- Author's mailing address
- Author's phone number and e-mail address
- Year of high school graduation
- High school teacher's name and e-mail address
- Author's school
- Address of author's school
- Phone number of author's school
- Note: Poems under consideration elsewhere are not eligible.

### **What is the deadline for entry?**

Submissions for the 2021 awards will be accepted online beginning *February 1, 2021*, with a submission deadline of *April 1, 2021* at 12 p.m. MT.

### **How do I submit my poem?**

Submit your work in the form of document attachments to Beth Franklin at [franklinbeth1309@gmail.com](mailto:franklinbeth1309@gmail.com).

### **Who judges the work?**

Submissions are reviewed by a panel of poets and educators.

### **When is the winner notified?**

*April 15, 2021*

### **Who is Robert W. King?**

Robert W. King was a Colorado poet, who founded the Colorado Poets Center website. He taught creative writing in poetry at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the University of North Dakota, the University of Nebraska Lincoln, and the University of Northern Colorado. His family established this award to honor his lifetime of work teaching creative writing and believing in the power and importance of poetry in the lives of young people.

### **Questions**

Submit questions about the awards to Beth Franklin at [franklinbeth1309@gmail.com](mailto:franklinbeth1309@gmail.com).