

## Robert W. King Poetry Award for Latinx High School Students

Sponsored by the Colorado Poets Center, the Robert W. King Poetry Latinx Award provides a \$150 award to a Colorado Latinx high school student for a winning poem. The poet's name, school, teacher who sponsored the poet, and the winning poem will be published on the Colorado Poets Center website (<https://coloradopoetscenter.org/>). The theme for the 2020 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 had a medical test.

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, written in English, Spanish, or a combination of both English and Spanish. 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 2019-2020 award will be accepted online beginning *January 15, 2020*, with a submission deadline of *March 1, 2020*, at 12 p.m. MT.

### How do I submit my poem (s)?

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 Latinx UNC faculty and students:

- Dr. Jonathan Alcantar, Mexican American Studies and Spanish, University of Northern Colorado
- Dr. Enrique Bernales Albites, Spanish, University of Northern Colorado, and Colorado Poets Center
- Mr. Jesse Tijerina, Director of Cultural Excellence and Parent Engagement, Greeley-Evans District 6

### When is the winner notified?

*April 15, 2020*

### Who is Robert W. King?

Robert W. King was a Colorado poet, who founded the Colorado Poets Center. 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, believing in the power and importance of poetry in the lives of young people, and believing in the power and importance of young people of color to change the world in which we live.

Submit questions about the awards to Beth Franklin at [franklinbeth1309@gmail.com](mailto:franklinbeth1309@gmail.com). Classroom teaching suggestions for "Examination" and two other poems can be found on the CPC Teaching Poetry link.