



SIXTH ANNUAL STUDENT POETRY CONTEST

Theme: "Serve to Change Lives"

Students from *Cupertino, Fremont, Homestead, Lynbrook, and Monta Vista* High Schools (grades 9- 12) as well as Middle Schools *Cupertino, Hyde, Kennedy, Lawson, McAuliffe* and *Miller* (grades 6 – 8) are invited to submit poems for the sixth annual poetry contest hosted by the Rotary Club of Cupertino.

Cash prizes are \$100-\$75-\$50

to the top three awardees for each category: middle school and high school

TOPIC:

Students may submit poems that address the Rotary International theme "*Serve to Change Lives*". Service can be for your family, your community, your country, or the entire world. Show what is possible, inspire others to reach for it, and give them a path to act.

The focus could be very broad or as narrow as you would like. The strongest poems will address the poet's experiences and attitudes in detail and evocative language, using all the senses. Write the poem that comes from your truest heart and your unique identity. Write the poem that no other person could write!

Reading time should be under 2 minutes.

Our amazing judges this year are *Cupertino Poet Laureate, Ms. Jing Jing Yang*, along with former Cupertino Poet Laureate Jennifer Brown.

TIMELINE:

April 22, 2022 – Poetry submissions are due. Please submit only one poem.

Please use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p99ucuu>

(If you are having difficulties – please email jeffmoe111@gmail.com for assistance)

May 30, 2022 - Student poets will be contacted by email. All entrants with a valid email address will receive a response, whether receiving an award or not.

June 15, 2022 - Awards Ceremony from 12:00 – 1:30 pm in Cupertino - hybrid meeting format

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