



National Write a Poem Competition 2026/27

Oide is inviting students to **Write a Poem in English** under two categories: Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle. We hope that this popular competition will encourage young writers to compose poetry and assist teachers in supporting the writing of poetry.

Rules of the Competition:

- All entries must be typed on a Word document (**not scanned or hand-written**) and then attached and submitted via email.
- Each entrant must submit one poem
- Each entry must include:
 - **student name**
 - **the name and address of the school**
 - **the teacher's name and school email address**
 - **the category - Junior or Senior**
 - **the title of the poem.**
- Emailed entries must be sent by the student's teacher or school and not by the student.
- Where an entry is inspired by or written in response to a particular poem, the name of the poem and the poet must be clearly stated on the entry and, where possible, a copy of the original poem should be attached.
- The competition is aimed at **individual writers**. Class sets of poems will **not** be considered as entries for the competition.

Award Ceremony:

The winning poets in each category will be notified and receive a commemorative plaque. Their poem will be published in the National Poetry Award booklet. Prizes will be presented as part of the Wellread National Award ceremony, organised by Oide, in association with Laois Education Centre. This ceremony will take place in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise on Wednesday, April 7th 2027.

All entries should be emailed to PPEnglishandLiteracy@oide.ie
Closing date for receipt of entries is **Friday 11th December 2026**