

Spolin & Dukes Prison Poetry Contest

2024 Submission Form

Contest: The criminal appeals and habeas writs law firm Spolin & Dukes P.C. is soliciting poetry from prison inmates and the family of inmates. The poem topic must relate to the prisons, criminal justice, or rehabilitation.

Winners: One winner will be selected from each state. Additionally, one national winner will be selected.

Prizes:

- \$500 prize for a single national winner and \$100 prizes for the best submissions from each state.
- Receipt of the “Prison Poetry Contest Award” certificate for the winners.
- Publication of your name and poem on the firm’s website (optional).

Rules:

- (1) Write a poem.
- (2) Fill out the Submission Form on the next page.
- (3) Write the words “Contest Submission” on an envelope and mail to:
Spolin & Dukes P.C.
11500 W. Olympic Blvd., Suite 400
Los Angeles, CA 90064

Eligibility: Inmate must be located in a prison in a state prison in Texas, California, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania *or* in any federal prison.

Deadline: Submission deadline of April 15, 2024. Winners announced July 1, 2024.

This material is also viewable at www.spolindukes.com/poetry

Example Poem #1:

(The following example poem is a Haiku, which is composed of three lines.)

Turn my life around,
That has been my goal these years,
For myself and son.

Example Poem #2:

(The following example poem is a Couplet, which is composed of two lines that often rhyme.)

In reading and writing I find peace among the prison noise,
While life can get you down, these are some of my simple joys.

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Name: _____

Inmate #: _____

Prison: _____

(If you are a family member and not the inmate, please write your name and the inmate's name, inmate number, and the name of the prison where the inmate is located)

If you win, would you like your name and poem published on the firm's website? (check one)

Yes No

Write your poem here: