



YOUTH POETRY CONTEST 2024

**My Garden Has Vegetables
to Spare That I Can Share -**

***Helping Fight Hunger by
Sharing Vegetables From
Our Garden***

Excite and encourage youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing.

Eligibility and Categories

Youth in grades K-12 compete by grade-level in one of three categories: General Education, Special Education or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

Submissions and Deadlines

All poems are submitted to a local garden club affiliated with National Garden Clubs, Inc. Local clubs send their winning poems (1 per grade-level in each category) to their State by the published State deadline. State winning poems are sent to their Region Contest by 2/1/2025. Region winners are sent to the National Contest by 3/1/2025. National winning poems are announced in May 2025, and published online in a free digital poetry booklet.



Complete Guidelines

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