

7th Annual North Country Schools Peace Poetry Contest



The Department of English and Communication and
The School of Education and Professional Studies
**SUNY Potsdam College invite
K-12 classrooms**

- both public and private –
to create and submit original poems on the subject of peace.

Submission Deadline: February 6th, 2009

Entries should be emailed to peacepoetry@potsdam.edu or mailed to

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The Department of English and Communication,
44 Pierrepont Avenue, Morey 120, Potsdam, NY 13676**

Though this contest holds no formal position on the current state of world affairs, still we want to honor the ideal of peace. Peace is a uniquely human conception and affirms the human spirit. It is especially important to remember that peace is not merely a goal but a human right. In that spirit of reflection and affirmation, we encourage everyone to contribute a poem to this contest.

RULES:1. PLEASE TYPE and fill out attached identification form and please attach to poem entry.

2. Identification: PLEASE TYPE (no hand writing) student's name, school, teacher, and grade on poem entry as well (we had problems with spelling of names because we were trying to decipher students' handwriting, which caused confusion).

3. Please send 2 copies of each poem entry.

4. Please do not send entries with bulky decorations—a 2D drawing on the paper or cut out will do, as it is hard to photo copy such entries.

5. Please use BLACK INK ONLY—since some entries were in green, pink, and yellow ink which was very hard to photocopy.

6. Poems will NOT be returned unless requested and accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

7. Please understand that because of cost issues: IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ATTEND THE READING where you collect the prizes, certificates, and free poetry books for you and your students, please GIVE US THE NAME OF ANOTHER TEACHER/PARENT who will be attending so that they can pick up the items. After this time, YOU MUST SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO HAVE IT MAILED TO YOU.

8. Please use regular Font size 12, unless it is necessary to show emphasis in your poem.

9. Get creative with the Titles—we usually have to decipher hundreds of poems all named “Peace.”

We will accept about 75-80 poems for publication in a chapbook published in the late spring with the title ***NORTH COUNTRY SCHOOLS PEACE POETRY – 2009***. Winners will also receive prizes and awards, and be invited to take part in a poetry reading on the Potsdam College campus to celebrate their contributions in May, 2009.

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