

# LAREDO

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Festival

**Date:** Saturday, April 21, 2018

**Time:** 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Multipurpose Room, Laredo Public Library (1120 E Calton road)

**Subject:**

- “Family Memories” is the central theme for 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Poetry Festival.
- Or the theme can be any topic you may want to write about.

**Rules of Participation:**

- Poems must be original; plagiarized poems will be disqualified.
- Poems may be written in any format.
- Poems should be no longer than 2 pages, double-spaced.
- Submit 2 copies of your poem, 1 with no name on it.
- Only one entry per individual person will be accepted; no co-authors of a poem will be accepted.
- No poem will be accepted through fax.
- The application form needs to be filled out.
- The parents or legal guardian will fill out the Release Form for students under 18.

**Language:**

- English or Spanish.

**Participants:**

- Students from LISD, UISD, private schools, and home schooling.
- Adults 18 and over.

**Method:**

- Divide all contestants by age and grade level.
- **The deadline for submitting poems is Monday, March 5, 2018 by 6:00 p.m. at the Laredo Public Library (Main branch).**
- 3-7 judges in each group will review all poems received & select the top 3 winners and 1-3 honorable mention recipients.
- The top 3 winners in each group will read their poems and receive prizes and gift bags on Saturday, April 21, 2018.
- Honorable Mentions will receive the gift bags and option to read their poems.
- All participants will receive certificates of participation.

**Results:**

- Publish the winners’ poems.
- Continue the Poetry Festival every year as a local educational activity.

**Sponsors:**

Diocese of Laredo Catholic Schools  
Laredo Independent School District  
United Independent School District

Friends of the Library  
Laredo Public Library

Laredo Community College  
Texas A & M International University

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# 15TH ANNUAL LAREDO POETRY FESTIVAL

APRIL 21, 2018

## APPLICANT ENTRY FORM

(PLEASE COPY AS NEEDED)

First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Phone (if 18 or over): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Poem: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail entries with form attached to:

Laredo Public Library

1120 E. Calton Road

Laredo TX 78041

(956) 795-2400

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING POEMS: 6:00 PM, Monday, March 5, 2018**

**RELEASE**

I \_\_\_\_\_, the parent or guardian of  
\_\_\_\_\_, a minor child, do hereby give my  
permission for this child to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Laredo Poetry Festival and to  
publish this child's poem if selected. I understand that all reasonable precautions will be  
taken to provide a safe program experience for this child, and that in consideration  
thereof for myself and for this minor child, and for the heirs, executors, and  
administrators and assigns of myself and this minor child, I hereby release the City of  
Laredo, and the Laredo Public Library and their employees and volunteers, from any  
liability or causes of indemnity and hold harmless the City of Laredo and the Laredo  
Public Library and their employees and volunteers from any claim arising against them  
on behalf of this minor child in this program.

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**Parent's or Guardian's Signature**

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**Date**

**By registering your child, you give the Festival sponsors permission to  
reproduce and publicize pictures and your child's poems as long as it is  
not a confidential matter.**