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**Subject:**

* “This shall Pass” is the central theme for 18th 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 Tuesday, **March 2, 2021, 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 submit a video reading their poems by **April 02, 2021**, and receive prizes, a gift bag that can be pickup at Laredo Pubic Library (Main Branch)
* Honorable Mentions will receive the gift bags and can be pick-up at Laredo Public Library (Main Branch)
* **All participants will receive certificates of participation.**

## Results:

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

### Sponsors:

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