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### Date: April 27, 2024

**Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

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

**Subject:**

* “***Sight Seeing in Laredo***” is the central theme for the 21th Annual Poetry Festival.

# Rules of Participation:

* A poem in its entirety must be an original work by the person entering the contest; plagiarized poems will be disqualified.
* Poems may be written in any standard format.
* Text should be typed. Font size 12
* 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.
* Poem will be accepted through via website and in person.
* 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.
* Mix English and Spanish

## Participants:

* Students from LISD, UISD, private schools, and homeschooling.
* Adults 18 and over.

## Method:

* Divide all contestants by age and grade level.
* **The deadline for submitting poems is Friday, February 09, 2024, 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**.**
* Honorable Mentions will receive gift bags and the 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.

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