



54th Annual
Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest
for high school sophomore and junior young women

Write like you mean it.

**WHAT IS THE NANCY THORP
POETRY CONTEST?**

Now in its 54th year, the contest is sponsored by Hollins University and awards prizes for the best poems submitted by young women who are sophomores or juniors in high school or preparatory school.

WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

FIRST PLACE (one winner)

- Free tuition and housing for the university's Hollinsummer creative writing program
- \$200 cash prize
- Publication in *Cargoes*, Hollins' award-winning student literary magazine
- Ten copies of *Cargoes*

SECOND PLACE (six winners)

- \$25 cash prize
- Publication in *Cargoes*
- Two copies of *Cargoes*

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES?

October 31, 2017

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- Students must submit their poem(s) in Microsoft Word, 12pt Times New Roman
- No more than two poems by any one student may be submitted
- Please label additional pages with the author's name, title of poem, and page number

Each entry must include the following information:

- Author's name
- Author's mailing address
- Author's phone number and/or email address
- Year of author's high school graduation
- High school teacher or guidance counselor's name and email address
- Author's school
- Address of author's school
- Phone number of author's school

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY ONLINE:

www.hollins.edu/poetry-contest

WHO CHOOSES THE WINNING POEMS?

Winners are chosen by students and faculty members in the creative writing program at Hollins.

WHEN ARE WINNERS NOTIFIED?

Late February

WHO WAS NANCY THORP?

Nancy Thorp, Hollins class of 1960, was a young poet who showed great promise when she was a student. Following her death in 1962, her family established the Nancy Thorp Poetry Contest to encourage the work of young poets.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HOLLINS'
CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM?**

Hollins University's creative writing program is nationally recognized as one of the best in the country. The program has received acclaim in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Southern Living*, and *Esquire* for the work of its graduates and for its distinctive approach to teaching. To learn more, visit www.hollins.edu/english.

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