

## **Helping Hands Youth Center April Poetry Month Contest and Scholarship Information Sheet**

### Middle School Division: 6th - 8th Grade

#### Free Verse Poetry

Winnings : Assorted gift cards, HHYC vouchers, and more to be announced throughout the month of April.

Winning Disbursement : Winnings will be distributed on May 2nd in person or via mail, depending on the winner's preference.

### High School Division: 9th - 12th Grade

#### Haiku Poetry

Winnings : High school grand prize is a \$500 scholarship to the student's school of choice. High school 2nd place receives a \$250 scholarship and third receives a \$100 scholarship.

Scholarship Disbursement : Scholarship checks will be mailed from HHYC directly to the student's school of choice. This includes 4 year universities, 2 year academies, and trade schools. In the event that the student is not a high school senior, funds will be dispersed during the Spring semester of their senior year.

All students are required to turn in the contest application, their most recent report card, and a completed poetic work.

- The application is attached to this information sheet. Please ensure that all line items are filled out accurately, do not leave anything blank.
- The student's report card must be clearly visible and include the student's name, grade, school information, and date.
- Please be sure to view divisional poetry requirements to ensure the correct poem form is submitted. Poems can be on any topic as long as they abide by the guidelines of that division's selected poetry form. More information on poetry form can be found on our website at [www.helpinghandsycap.com](http://www.helpinghandsycap.com), or attached to this packet.

Please refrain from using vulgar language.

Applications with report card and poetry can be submitted via email, mail, in-person, or on our website.

- Please email all entries to our Director of Academics, Anessa Sauseda , at [asauseda@helpinghandsycap.com](mailto:asauseda@helpinghandsycap.com).
- Entries can be mailed to the HHYC mailing address is Post Office Box 19 in Cottonport, Louisiana 71327.
- Entries can be brought directly to the HHYC Main Office at 319 Carmen Street in Cottonport, Louisiana 71327. Office hours are Tuesday - Friday 9AM-4PM and the first Saturday of each month 9AM-2PM.
- Our website has an online submission portal at [www.helpinghandsycap.com/poetry-contest](http://www.helpinghandsycap.com/poetry-contest).

**Helping Hands Youth Center April Poetry Month Contest and Scholarship  
Application Packet**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Who is your favorite poet? \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you entering this contest? \_\_\_\_\_

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**HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION ONLY**

What is your career of choice and why? \_\_\_\_\_

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Colleges Applied to: \_\_\_\_\_

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Colleges Accepted into: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you received any other scholarships? If so, please list the amounts: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you give HHYC permission to share your poetic work, name, and photo with our  
different social media platforms?    Yes                      No

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Caregiver's Name

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Caregiver's Signature

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Student's Name

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Student's Signature

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Date Signed