

Creative and Cool Competitions

First US Annual Contest in Islamic Poetry

المسابقة السنوية الاولى في الشعر الاسلامي في الولايات المتحدة الامريكية

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: (إن من الشعر لحكمة و إن من البيان لسحرا)

The Messenger of Allah, Muhammad (Peace be upon him) said:

"Indeed some forms poetry are wisdom and some forms of speech are magical." - Bukhari

1. Participant should be living in US.
2. The poem should be a genuine personal work. Not copied
3. Both languages English and Arabic are acceptable. However, in case of a participant wants to submit his/her work in a different language he/she should get prior approval for the organizer.
4. Under all circumstances, any work submitted in a language other than the English, should be accompanied by a translation of the meaning at the same time. If it is submitted without translation it will be rejected.
5. **A fee of \$10.00 shall be send with the participation form. Submissions without the fees will not be considered.**
6. No hand written copies will be accepted.
7. Any participant can submit more than one poem or cover more than one topic from the following list. However, he will get only one prize. These topics are arranged alphabetically and not according to their priorities;
 - Community service
 - Diversity and Tolerance.
 - Giving advise to others (naseeha)
 - Environment
 - The Hijrah (Migration to Madina)
 - Independence day
 - Islamic education
 - Kindness to kids
 - Kindness to neighbors
 - Kindness to parents
 - Kindness to poor, elderly, senior citizens, and handicapped
 - Love of Allah
 - Love of prophet and his wives (The Mothers of Believers)
 - Love of the land
 - Modesty and Islamic dress
 - Muslim Character and Morals
 - Praise and condemn
 - The Quran
 - Volunteering
 - Youth in Islam
8. The registration/participation/enrolment form should be submitted via email. Any missing entries will result in the application returned back to the sender which results in delays and missing the deadlines.
9. **The deadline is Ramadhan July 31, 2008. Due to expected high volume, the organizers will reject any submission after the deadline.**
10. The Awards ceremony will be on Oct 18, 2008
11. Valuable prizes at grade levels will be given to the 1st to 3rd winners.
12. Another classification is numbers 1, 2 and 3 in their respective states.
13. A celebration will be held in Metro Washington area.
14. A collection of the poems will be printed ahead of time and will available to buy at the awards ceremony.
15. Free dinner will be served for the participants and others will be charged reasonable charges to help in covering the cost of the celebration event. Depending on the funds available at the time, the 1st winner of each grade level will be granted tickets to fly to Washington DC area.

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