

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR *Love* POEMS

Please note that the 2023 guidelines are different from those of previous years.

Each contestant may submit up to TWO original unpublished* love poems.

**Entries must never have been published, self-published, published on any website or broadcast in any form (recorded live readings excepted), nor accepted for publication, nor currently entered in any other competition before February 20, 2023. Entries must not have won a prize in any previous competition (honorable mentions accepted).*

- Each poem must be no more than one page in length (8.5 x 11 inch, plain white background, single sided).
- Poems may be double or single-spaced.
- Use a 12-point font.
- Poems must have no more than 38 lines. Titles and blank lines between stanzas are not included in the line count.
- Poems must have a title.
- Poems must be primarily in English.
- Your name or other identification should not appear on the poem(s).

Your email submission must be received by 5 p.m. February 20, 2023 and must include:

- **An email message** with your name, mailing address, phone number, and the title of each poem submitted.
- Each of your poems must be submitted as an **attachment to your message**.
- Your name or other identification should not appear on the poem(s).
- No postal or hand-delivered entries will be accepted.

Email your submissions to 2023BLPContest@gmail.com

An entry fee of \$5.00 per poem has been required in the past to help support the Joel Fallon Poetry Scholarship Fund. 2022 has been a hard year for many, so no entry fee will be required this year. However, your (tax deductible) contribution of \$5.00 per poem OR MORE, if you are able, would be greatly appreciated to support the scholarship and cover program expenses for the contest. You may donate online by credit card at [Donate Here](#) . Or, send a check/money order payable to Benicia Literary Arts, with the notation "2023 Love Poetry Contest;" mail to Benicia Literary Arts, P.O. Box 1903, Benicia CA 94510.