

**31st annual
RED STEAGALL COWBOY GATHERING, OCTOBER 28-30, 2022
WIN A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
Enter the Red Steagall Youth Poetry Contest**

Rules and Guidelines:

1. Only one entry per contestant. Contestants must compose their own poems with no assistance from any outside source. **No poem previously submitted can be re-submitted for consideration.**
2. Entries will be judged in two divisions:
Junior Division - contestants ages 8-12 no more than 36 lines of poetry
Senior Division, contestants ages 13-18 no more than 36 lines of poetry
3. Poems must be submitted with all pertinent information. The poem, along with the requested information will serve as the entry form. Entries may be typewritten, produced on a word processor, or handwritten legibly in pen or pencil.
4. Poets should keep a copy of their poem. **No entries will be returned.**
5. All entries must be mailed to the address given below and **postmarked no later than September 30th** in order to be eligible for judging. Ten finalists in each division will be notified by October 15th regarding selection, prizes, scholarship information and rules of final competition. Finalists will be required to recite their poem by memory on Saturday, October 29th at **THE RED STEAGALL COWBOY GATHERING** held in the **Stockyards National Historic District of Fort Worth.**
6. In order to fulfill it's mission of recognizing and rewarding students from the North Texas area, the event will only accept entries from students who attend school in the following counties: **Tarrant, Dallas, Young, Jack, Stephens, Shackleford, Erath, Hood, Ellis, Kaufman, Collin, Cooke, Montague, Wise, Denton, Navarro, Fannin, Hunt, Grayson, Comanche, Clay, Archer, Baylor, Wilbarger, Wichita, Callahan, Parker, Palo Pinto, Eastland, Somervelle, Rockwall and Johnson.**

The judging criteria is as follows:

1. Poems should reflect an understanding and creative use of cowboy language. Poem topics should relate to western life such as ranching, animals, land, environment, home, family, events, pets, friends, and characters.
2. Poems should reflect an understanding and appreciation of the western heritage. They should be authentic and original. Poets are encouraged to research their topic if necessary to obtain a thorough understanding of our western heritage.
3. Poems should be well crafted, flow smoothly, and be easy to read and listen to.
4. Poems should be entertaining and may be written from serious, inspirational or humorous points of view.
5. Poets should present the material in a convincing and enthusiastic manner.

ALL INFORMATION HAS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE COMPLETED INFORMATION BELOW ATTACHED TO THE POEM OR THE POEM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Name: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

City: _____ TX, Zip _____ Check if home schooled _____

Name of Parents/Guardians: _____

Home phone number _____ Date of birth _____

School Name _____ Principal/Teacher _____ ***

*****WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU SEND US YOUR ENTRIES WITH A DELIVERY CONFIRMATION**

DIVISION: _____ **Junior Division (Birthdate as of September 30th)**

CIRCLE ONE _____ **Senior Division (Birthdate as of September 30th)**

Title of Poem: _____

Send entries to: **The Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering,
Youth Poetry Contest
P. O. BOX 136639
Fort Worth, Texas 76136**