

16th ANNUAL YOUTH POETRY CONTEST
ETHERIDGE KNIGHT FESTIVAL
Deadline April 10, 2010

The Etheridge Knight Poetry Contest for young people was established in conjunction with the annual Etheridge Knight Festival that honors the work of the acclaimed African American poet Etheridge Knight and promotes understanding of the things in life that troubled him and that he held dear.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Open to students in grade 7-12, who reside in Indiana.
- Poems may be submitted by individuals or by teachers. (Teachers: please submit only the best work of your students, not the work of an entire class.)
- Each entrant may submit no more than three poems.
- Each poem should be typed on a separate sheet of paper and should include the entrant's name, address, phone number, e-mail, age, grade in school, and name of school. If submitted by a teacher, the entry should also include the teacher's name and contact information.
- **Entries must be postmarked no later than April 10, 2010.**

Poems will be judged on originality, voice, imagery, rhythm, effective use of language, and the degree to which they present a thoughtful perspective on Etheridge Knight's life work, and/or the issues that concerned him.

Awards will be presented at 2 p.m. on May 1, 2010 at the Glendale Branch Library, 6101 Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, IN. The winning poems will be published on the website of the Writers' Center of Indiana.

Teachers are encouraged and invited to make use of the curriculum provided on the Writers' Center of Indiana website, which is designed to help student writers focus on issues that Etheridge Knight explored in his work. www.indianawriters.org

Students may choose their own topics, or work with one of the suggested topics and/or poems provided on the website.

Entries should be submitted to:
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Questions about the contest should be directed to barbarashoup@indianawriters.org

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