



“Called to Rise” Anthology Poetry Contest

We call on Students to Submit Poetry that Reflects and Conveys Their Lives at this Particular Time in the Lower Rio Grande Valley

The theme is “healing and hope”

Guidelines

1. **Poems may be written in any form and be of any length.** However, given page constraints, **shorter poems will have a better chance of selection.**
2. **The theme is “healing and hope” but this can be interpreted loosely.** We invite students to be as creative as they’d like.
3. Students may submit with their parent’s permission or parents may submit on behalf of their children.
4. **Only one submission per student.**
5. **A submission consists of a maximum of five (5) poems.**
6. There is no guarantee of selection. The number of entries selected for inclusion depends on space constraints and the number of submissions.

How to Submit

DEADLINE: March 27, 2018

Selected contributors will be notified of their selection no later than May 1, 2018.

Submissions should be sent as a pdf file attachment to: mcallenpoetlaureate@gmail.com

Subject Line: Called to Rise Anthology

The submission email should include a very short cover letter including the following information:

1. Name of student
2. Grade level at the time of submission
3. School at which student is enrolled at the time of submission
4. Home city/town
5. Contact information, including email address and phone number

The anthology will be divided into three different sections for elementary school, middle school, and high school poems. **It is expected that the anthology will be published in hardcopy, perfect-bound form as well as in a digital format and distributed widely. The anticipated publication date for the anthology is early fall, 2018.**

Selected contributors will receive one free copy of the anthology, with additional copies available for sale. In addition, contributors will be invited to read at a book release reception along with the editors.

Need more info? Contact Ms. Flores, Librarian or email jflores@sharylandisd.org