

# 俳句 Haiku Festival 2025 Entry Checklist

Enter haiku and ALL requested info ONLINE @ <https://haikufest.com/enter-poems-online/>

Student's first & last names: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

(Area Code) Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter ONE (1) original POEM online @ <https://haikufest.com/enter-poems-online/>

Line 1 (5 syllables): \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 (7 syllables): \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 (5 syllables): \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: Saturday 22 March 2025**, 12:00 MIDNIGHT. All agree to Haiku Festival rules.



## Essay & Nōtan Art Rules

100 to 200-word Essay titled: *Why Does Poetry Matter?*

**Rules:** Email one (1) ORIGINAL to [Info@HaikuFest.com](mailto:Info@HaikuFest.com) ("2025 Essay" or "2025 Art" in the subject) with entry form by **Saturday, 22 March 2025, 12:00 MIDNIGHT**. Students agree to Haiku Fest rules.

**FORMAT:** Original essay, typed double-spaced, 12-point font with serifs; 100 to 200 words  
Original Nōtan or Program Cover Art, up to 5 x 7" portrait or landscape to win \$25.<sup>00</sup>

**PRIZE:** Winner receives \$100 to read original essay *Why Does Poetry Matter?* at the **21st Annual Haiku Fest Awards Saturday, 26 April 2025, 9:AM** at Harold Washington Library Auditorium, 400 South State Street, Chicago.

**ELIGIBILITY:** 2025 Call for Essays is open to 13- to 18-year-olds; Call for art: ages 8 to 18.

俳句 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Haiku Festival 2025 is sponsored by Regina Harris Baiocchi, Harold Washington Library, Chicago Poetry Committee, and Private Donors. Winners will be announced in early April. Info: 312-253-7453 or [Info@HaikuFest.com](mailto:Info@HaikuFest.com)

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# Do you haiku?

## Send one (1) original poem.

**Who:** Poets ages 8 to 14, grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>

**Haiku:** Enter ONE original haiku (3-line, 5-7-5 poem) **ONLINE**

**Essay:** Send ONE original essay (100 to 200 words, double-spaced, using 12-point font with serifs) to [Info@HaikuFest.com](mailto:Info@HaikuFest.com) Writers must be 13 to 18 years old.

**Artists:** Send ONE original Nōtan or Program Cover Art to [Info@HaikuFest.com](mailto:Info@HaikuFest.com)  
Artists must be aged 8 to 18, grades 3 to 12 to win \$25.<sup>00</sup>

**Deadline:** Haiku, Essay, and Art: Saturday **22 March 2025, MIDNIGHT**  
Winners will be announced in early April 2025.

**Awards Program: Saturday, 26 April 2025, 9:00 AM**

Harold Washington Library Auditorium, 400 South State Street

**Special Guests:** Award-winning Haiku Poets, Guest Musicians

**Enter one Haiku Poem:** <https://HaikuFest.com>

**Questions:** [Info@HaikuFest.com](mailto:Info@HaikuFest.com) or 312-253-7453 (24-hour v-mail)

**Haiku Prizes:** (per level) 3-4<sup>th</sup> graders, 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders, 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders

**Winners must read winning haiku/essay @ Haiku Fest Awards Program 4/26/2025**

three \$100—1<sup>st</sup> Place Awards, one per grade level

three \$ 50—2<sup>nd</sup> Place Awards, one per grade level

three \$ 20—3<sup>rd</sup> Place Awards, one per grade level

one \$50 - Gwendolyn Brooks Award (CPS Student)

one \$25 - Founders' Award

\$10 - Poem of the School Award: one per school

one \$100 - *Why Does Poetry Matter?* Essay Award, grades 8-12

one \$100 - Teacher of the Year; \$100 School of the Year Award

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