

Bus Lines Poetry Contest

Fall 2016

Bus Lines



Poetry in Motion™ from the
Charlottesville Community

The Bus Lines Community Poetry Contest began in 2009 as a project for the Neighborhood Leadership Institute. It continues today in partnership with **CAT** as a vibrant expression of Charlottesville's creativity.

Once a year area residents of

all ages and walks of life are invited to submit short works of poetry. Winning entries are printed as colorful posters to enliven city buses. In addition, authors read their work at a special public event at the Downtown Transit Station. Poetry in Motion from the Charlottesville Community!

Contest Rules

1. All submitted works must be authored by the applicant
2. A maximum of three poems may be submitted per applicant
3. Poems should not exceed 10 lines in length
4. Subject matter must be appropriate for public viewing by all ages.
5. Poems must be received by 7:30 PM, November 30th.

Pick Your Style

Write a poem in one of the following styles: Limericks, Acrostics, Tanka, or Off-Book. You are free to choose your subject matter. Style rules are found on page two of this form.

ENTRY FORM - PART I

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Name as you wish it to be displayed _____

Style of submitted poem(s) _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Have any of these entries been published before? Yes No

If you answered yes, please share the details _____

Are you under the age of 18? Yes No

If you answered yes, please have your legal guardian fill out **PART II**. If you answered no, please proceed to **PART III**

PART II - APPLICANTS UNDER 18

A parent or legal guardian must complete this section.

Name of child's school: _____ Grade level: _____

Would it be okay to publish the grade and school? Yes No

If assigned as a project, name of teacher who assigned the poem/fiction: _____

Please Turn Over

PART II - APPLICANTS UNDER 18 (Continued)

By signing this application, I grant permission to Bus Lines and Charlottesville Area Transit (**CAT**) to display my child's display name (as written in PART I), poem/fiction, and images of the poem/fiction on **CAT** buses and in future promotions concerning the Bus Lines program, if my child's work is selected.

Parent or legal guardian's printed name: _____
Parent or legal guardian's signature: _____
Parent or legal guardian's email: _____ Phone: _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

PART III - APPLICANTS OVER 17

By signing this application, I grant permission to Bus Lines and Charlottesville Area Transit (**CAT**) to display my display name (as written in PART I), poem, and images of the poem on **CAT** buses and in future promotions concerning the Bus Lines program, if my work is selected.

Signature: _____

PART IV - SUBMITTING YOUR WORK

Mail

Bus Lines
P.O. Box 231
Charlottesville, VA
22902-0231

Or

Hand Deliver

CAT's Downtown Transit Station
615 East Water Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902
Mon-Sat 8 AM - 8 PM, Sun 9 AM - 5 PM

Or

Email

BusLines@gmail.com

Copyright(s) for submitted work(s) is/are retained by their author

POETRY STYLE OPTIONS

Please list your style choice at the top of the poem

Limericks - A limerick is a five-line, often humorous poem with a strict meter. Lines 1, 2, and 5 of have seven to ten syllables (da DUM da da DUM da da DUM) and rhyme with one another. Lines 3 and 4 have five to seven syllables (da DUM da da DUM) and also rhyme with each other. The rhyme scheme is usually "A-A-B-B-A".

Acrostics - a composition usually in verse in which sets of letters (as the initial or final letters of the lines) taken in order form a word or phrase or a regular sequence of letters of the alphabet. Poems should be limited to twelve words per line with a maximum of ten lines.

Tanka - an unrhymed Japanese verse form of five lines containing five, seven, five, seven, and seven syllables respectively. Typically, the first three lines are an observation while the last two respond to that observation.

Off-Book - write a poem using any other style not listed. Poems should be limited to twelve words per line with a maximum of ten lines.