

**Calling all middle and high school students!**

# 2017 Poetry & Prose Contest

Open to students in grades 5-8 and 9-12  
in the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of  
Albemarle, Greene, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Nelson  
**Sponsored by the Tupelo Press Teen Writing Center  
and the Virginia Center for the Book**

**Submit your creative writing for the opportunity to be in the twenty-third annual Virginia Festival of the Book!** Selected works will be anthologized and students will be invited to read aloud their winning entries at the:

## Virginia Festival of the Book's Poetry & Prose Celebration Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 7 PM at the Charlottesville Omni Hotel

A reception with light refreshments will follow,  
for writers, family and friends.

### Guidelines:

- A. Submissions will be accepted via Submittable, at [tupelopress-twc.submittable.com/submit](https://tupelopress-twc.submittable.com/submit)
- B. Judging will be blind.
- C. Pieces must be poetry or prose on any topic. Prose may not exceed 1,000 words. Poetry may not exceed two single-spaced pages.
- D. One entry per person.
- E. Open only to middle and high school students in the City of Charlottesville and Counties of Albemarle, Greene, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Nelson.
- F. Winning entries will be invited to read at the Poetry & Prose Celebration on March 21, 2017 at the Charlottesville Omni Hotel.
- G. All submissions from **grades 9-12** are eligible to be published in the *Crossroads V* anthology of teen writing, and presented at the 2017 Virginia Festival of the Book. All rights remain with the author.
- H. Entrants may select to be considered for the first annual Cville Pride Award (see [VaBook.org](http://VaBook.org) for details). Winners will be selected by Cville Pride and announced at the March 21 event.

**All submissions must be received by Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5 PM.**  
**Please send submissions via <https://tupelopress-twc.submittable.com/submit>.**

**Questions?** Contact Kirsten Miles at [kmiles@tupelopress.org](mailto:kmiles@tupelopress.org) for inquiries on high school entries or Sarah Lawson at [sdlawson@virginia.edu](mailto:sdlawson@virginia.edu) for inquiries on middle school entries. Details are also available online at [VaBook.org](http://VaBook.org).

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