

# Let *the* River Run

## poetry contest requirements and guidelines

- The poetry contest is open to current 8th grade students in Holy Family Catholic Schools and the Dubuque Community School District.
- Poems will focus on the theme of the Mississippi River.
- Poems may be up to 20 lines long.
- Poetry can be of any form, i.e. free verse, sonnet, haiku, blank verse, etc. We strongly advise, however, that poems avoid being a series of rhymed couplets or alternating rhymed lines.
- Poetry must appear typed on a single white 8.5x11 page, left-justified (unless there is a poetic reason to do otherwise), with its title entered at the top of the page.
- No name identification nor images may appear on the page.
- Correctness, grammar, and neatness count.
- Only one poem per student may be submitted.
- Each poem must have paper-clipped to it the completed Dubuque Chorale Poetry Contest entry form.
- Poems will be evaluated by a panel of judges assembled by Katherine Fischer, Professor of English Emerita, Clarke University.
- Winning entries will be selected by a panel of judges based on creativity, thought, and artistic value.

**Deadline: All entries due by January 24th, 2014.**

**Prizes:** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive cash prizes of \$100.00, \$75.00, and \$50.00 respectively. A certificate of honorable mention will also be awarded to the 4th place winner. The 1st place winning poem will also be read publicly at the Dubuque Chorale's performances of Let The River Run on April 25th and May 2nd.

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