Steger Poetry Prize Submission Form

All undergraduate students at Virginia Tech are invited to submit an original poem to The Steger Poetry Prize contest, established by the late President Emeritus Charles W. Steger and University Distinguished Professor Nikki Giovanni. The first place prize is $1,100. The second place prize is $500 and third place is $300. The prize is administered by Professor Giovanni and judged by a committee of faculty from various disciplines at the university.

Writers of the top ten poems chosen by the Steger Poetry Prize Committee will be notified within two weeks of the submission deadline. All participants are welcome to attend a celebration on Wednesday, March 25th, but the top ten must agree to attend and participate in the reading. First, second, and third place prizewinners will be revealed at the event.

The top ten poets will read their poems publicly at the Nikki Giovanni Celebration of Poetry on Wednesday, March 25th at the Moss Arts Center at 5:15 pm. Winners also give permission for their winning poems to be published at a later date by Professor Giovanni, but students retain all rights to their work.

Please read these instructions carefully. Submissions that do not follow these guidelines will not be considered for the Steger Poetry Prize.

Submission deadline: Friday, February 14, 2020 (by 11:59 pm).

Instructions:
A) You may submit one poem. It should not exceed two pages, single-spaced, in a 12-point font.

B) Do not put your name on the poem. This ensures that your identity will not be known to the judges during the judging process.

C) Put the poem's title and your Hokie Passport number on each page of the poem.

D) Complete the information requested below and submit this submission form and the poem as separate attachments in an email to stegerprize-g@vt.edu by Friday, February 14th at 11:59 pm.

Information (this will be withheld from judges):

Name:
Hokie Passport Number:
Title of Poem:
Email Address:
Phone Number:
Major/Department/Class/Hometown: